



Dodging Serbia's mortars on the road to Vukovar

THE drive down Frankopanska street between Vinkovci and Nustar is only to be recommended at high speed, with the option of a swift bailing out of the moving car into the nearest ditch in mind.

The bubble of mortar fire in the fields around was distant like background music. But suddenly the thud was close, 100 yards away perhaps. Closer examination of the circumstances was impossible lying face down in the nettles with a hefty fellow passenger sprawled on top.

The mortar plunked down on the other side of the narrow road, some 10 yards



On the day the latest Yugoslav ceasefire was agreed, Anne McElvoy found herself under fire

away. Apart from the dispatcher of the unfriendly welcome concealed in one of the bombed outhouses, Nustar, the last village in Croatian hands before the besieged town of Vukovar, was deserted.

Yesterday even the Croat guardsmen had pulled back from here to Vinkovci. "Too much Chetniks", said Branco Dulo, sitting in the cafe of the Hotel Slavonia,

cup of coffee in one hand and rifle in the other. Like every other hostelry for miles around, the hotel has been converted into a canteen of the Croat national guard. A large rocket whistled past the door and crashed into some buildings with a sickening crack. The assembled company ambled over and peered out of the door as if they were checking that a squall of rain had

passed. After a brief lull, the army has once again turned its attention to Vinkovci over the past days.

The Croats are anxious to keep the town as a base from which they hope to enter Vukovar and end the siege, although they admit that they are too weak to do it with only the men they have now. "They have been promising us special troops from Zagreb. Then we storm Vukovar," said Branco hopefully. But there is no sign of relief yet.

Nustar has been devastated by the relentless shell and mortar attacks of the past week. Of the low houses, painted in pretty



pastels, only wrecks remain. Their owners have fled. When they come back, if they ever do, they will find a large pile of rubble where their village once stood.

The Jack Daniels Cafe, which held out as the last post of hospitality until last

weekend, has finally submitted to the inevitable and closed. The discotheque optimistically called "Why Not?", has simply fallen down. With the army bombarding Vukovar and its environs with renewed intensity, the battle for Slavonia is entering a new and fierce phase with both sides taking advantage of the last of the summer weather.

This is the triangle of land between Osijek, Vukovar and Vinkovci where the rhythm of life is dominated by the fighting which starts at lunchtime and gathers force as night descends.

The Croat guards here fear that a big advance by the

army is in the offing. A senior officer said that he expected an attempt to cut off Osijek by advancing troops from Serb-held Tenje through Vinkovci - already surrounded on three sides and looking highly vulnerable - along the Vuka river. These forces could then be joined by Serb irregulars descending from the Baranja region and the mountains.

This would give the alliance of Serbs and federal forces control over the heart of Slavonia, the chief prize hankered after by Serbia. The officer said he feared

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Date set for Arab-Israeli conference

Shamir agrees to attend peace talks in Madrid

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM AND PETER STOTHARD IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENTS Bush and Gorbachev will open an historic Middle East peace conference in Madrid on October 30, bringing Israel, neighbouring Arab states and Palestinians face-to-face for talks aimed at ending 43 years of conflict.

The American and Soviet leaders will hold separate negotiations on arms control and economic aid issues. They are not expected to take part directly in the conference.

James Baker, the American Secretary of State, has spent seven months in intense shut-

tle diplomacy aimed at bringing the Middle East enemies to the negotiating table. Yesterday in Jerusalem, he and his Soviet counterpart, Boris Pankin, sealed one of the most astounding achievements in modern diplomacy by issuing the invitations to the talks.

"This invitation offers the peoples in this region a pathway to ending an era of confrontation and it offers a basis for a new future," Mr Baker said, but he added a note of caution: "The road to peace will be extremely difficult with many problems, many hitches and probably many interruptions."

The breakthrough in his

torious series of missions to the region came early yesterday when Palestinian leaders showed him a list of proposed delegates who would be acceptable to Israel, because they do not belong to the Palestine Liberation Organisation and they live in the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza. The Palestinian concession to Israeli demands was seen as a dramatic climbdown by a people being offered only autonomy at the peace conference rather than the statehood it has always demanded.

Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli prime minister, displaying only grudging approval of the planned dialogue, said later that he would recommend acceptance of the invitation when his cabinet meets tomorrow. "We are willing to take the risks to show that Israel wants peace. Without negotiations we will never have the chance to reach peace," Mr Shamir said after meeting Mr Pankin, who announced that the Soviet Union was restoring full diplomatic relations with Israel.

The Israeli leader is likely to be supported by most of his cabinet colleagues, but will certainly face a revolt from extremist members in his coalition government. Ariel Sharon, the former defence minister who is now minister of housing, said the talks were doomed to failure.

At a press conference in Oxford yesterday, he said: "I am in favour of the peace process but afraid that because of the way Israel has been dragged by an international tribunal it will bring war."

Assuming the conference goes ahead as scheduled, America and the Soviet Union will convene the opening session attended by Israel, Syria, Lebanon, Egypt and a joint Jordanian-Palestinian delegation, with the UN and EC acting as observers.

After the two-day preliminary meeting, when each delegation will read an opening address, the conference will break into bilateral talks. The two sides are then expected to negotiate over the territories occupied by Israel in the 1967 Six-Day war.

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Premier stand: John Major and his Australian counterpart Bob Hawke retire after opening the batting in a charity cricket match in Harare yesterday

Cricket finds a Major force

FROM SAM KILEY IN HARARE

JOHN Major says he has not played cricket since 1966 when living in northern Nigeria. He scored 77 for a scratch side before a plane landed at square leg, bringing play to an unscheduled close. Four days later he was in a car accident which damaged his left knee - an injury which made him limp between the wickets when he returned with a bat in Harare yesterday for a Commonwealth leaders' charity match.

But he warmed up in the nets with his press secretary Gus O'Donnell, and promptly slogged the ball straight over the heads of about 50 on-lookers at the Harare Sports Club cricket ground, Zimbabwe's equivalent of Lords. "That means I'll keep the job," muttered Mr O'Donnell. The match included the former West Indies skipper, Clive Lloyd, and the Australian prime minister, Bob Hawke. He opened with Mr Major, who hit a boundary for four and another single during his allotted five overs.

Posting for the television cameras in full cricket gear might have been ensured good coverage back home in an election year. To have risked being hit on the nose by a rising delivery showed political confidence verging on the insane.

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Nuclear monitor supplied Iraqis

By JAMIE DEITMER AND ALAN GEORGE

EUROPE'S nuclear watchdog and nine British firms are on the secret UN list of organisations that supplied Iraq's nuclear, chemical and biological weapons programme.

The companies include the Wellcome Foundation, three Midlands machine-tool makers and engineering firms, and a crane maker. They have all been asked by the Department of Trade and Industry to give details of their Iraq dealings.

The preliminary list was drawn up by United Nations inspectors responsible for identifying Iraq's facilities for developing weapons of mass destruction. Whitehall sources emphasised, however, that the inspectors had noted just about every name they saw at military sites or on documents. They had made no technical judgments. "It is up to us to investigate what they found," an official said.

The list, handed to the department on October 4, does not include any firms mentioned in documents seized by UN inspectors who were held in the Iraqi Atomic Energy Agency's car park for four days last month.

The inclusion of Luxembourg-based Euratom, which has been linked with Iraq's Tuwaitha nuclear research facility, has caused consid-

erable surprise. David Ennals of Euratom said last night: "We do get involved in drawing up supply contracts. I am surprised, though, that we are on the list. Without further details, I can't comment."

Euratom was set up in 1957 to monitor the movement and export of uranium and plutonium from nuclear facilities in Europe to reactors and research stations elsewhere in the world. Three years ago it was at the centre of allegations in the German press that it had been undermining American and Soviet restrictions on the import of uranium from South Africa.

Several of the British companies named have previously been linked with Baghdad, either through the Customs "supergun" investigation last year or in evidence to the Commons trade and industry select committee this year.

Two, however, have not been linked in the past with Iraq: the Wellcome Foundation and the Loughborough crane maker, Davy Morris.

Wellcome, which appears in the chemical weapons section of the list, is said to have supplied insecticide. Martin Sherwood, the company's head of information, said UN

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TV group records £4m loss

HTV Group, the Welsh television contractor that was one of the successful bidders for the next round of TV franchises, lost £4.84 million before tax in the six months to the end of June and will not make a profit this year.

The shares of HTV and several other franchise-holders have fallen since the results of their applications were known amid fears that they have had to pay too much to keep their licences.

HTV, which will have to pay the government £22.5 million a year for its licence after 1992, insists it can make a "substantial profit" from 1993 onwards because of cost savings and job cuts already carried out.

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Judge puts parent choice over racism

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

PARENTS may demand that a child is transferred to another school even if their request is motivated by racism, a High Court judge ruled yesterday.

In a judgment that brought immediate criticism from race relations bodies and local authorities, Mr Justice Macpherson said that parliament had intended parental choice to be "supreme" in the selection of schools. Legislation on racial discrimination could not take precedence.

The case concerned a mother's request for her five-year-old daughter to be transferred from a Middlesbrough school where 60 per cent of the pupils were Asian to one where 98 per cent were white. The Commission for Racial Equality argued that Cleveland county council had acted

unlawfully in reluctantly agreeing to the transfer.

Jenny Carney made the request after her daughter Katrina came home from Abingdon Road primary school singing a refrain from *One potato, two potatoes* in Hindi. She has always maintained that she was not motivated by racism, but wanted her daughter to concentrate on learning her own language.

The judge accepted that Mrs Carney had no racist motive, but added that the council would have been obliged to agree to her request in any case. The commission said that it would consider an appeal and Cleveland and the Association of Metropolitan Authorities are to press for changes in the law.

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French diver finds prehistoric art gallery

FROM PHILIP JACOBSON IN PARIS

A FRENCH professional diver has discovered wall paintings and engravings in a underwater grotto that are believed to date back at least to ten thousand years before the birth of Christ. The archaeological significance of Henri Cosquer's find beneath a creek near Cassis, in the south of France, is being compared to that of the Lascaux caves in the Dordogne.

Although M Cosquer first came across the grotto and its prehistoric art during a dive last summer, the discovery was kept secret until a team of specialists had completed a preliminary assessment.



Old master: a red and black bull in the Lascaux caves. Breaking the news in public yesterday, Jack Lang, the French culture minister, said that the cave is to bear Henri Cosquer's name and has now been classified as a historical monument. It lies just above water level at the far end of a 150metres deep sunken gallery that can only be entered

through a narrow gap some 37 metres below the surface of the sea. The cave itself is about 4metres high. At the time the paintings were done, scientists estimate the sea level was probably 120metres lower than it is today, allowing access from dry land.

The charcoal and manganese sketches within it depict animals, especially bison, and scenes from the everyday life of the artists. Their excellent state of preservation is explained by currents of fresh air that reach the grotto through fissures in the rocks above it. The mummified remains of some mice were also discovered there, apparently dating from the same

era. In the view of Professor Robert Chenorkien, a specialist in prehistoric studies at the University of Aix-en-Provence, the paintings probably date from the end of the Upper Palaeolithic era. "They could be even more than 10,000 years old," he said. Other experts are speculating that Henri Cosquer's find will turn out to be every bit as important as the discovery of the Lascaux cave paintings half a century ago. Described as the "Sistine Chapel of prehistory", Lascaux contains what is acknowledged as the most beautiful collection of murals and engravings from the era at the beginning of the Magdalenian period.

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Police charity rejects Libyan 'blood money' for killing of WPC



WPC Fletcher: victim of Libya shooting

By STEWART TENDLER
CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A NATIONAL police charity has decided to refuse a cheque for £250,000 offered by Libya as atonement for the shooting of WPC Yvonne Fletcher in London seven years ago because the country has supported such groups as the IRA.

A cheque from the Libyan Police Syndicate, said to represent the country's police officers, was offered to the Police Dependents' Trust in June after Sir Teddy Taylor, the Conservative MP for Southend East, returned from a visit to Tripoli. At the time there

was widespread anger at what was seen as a cynical attempt by Colonel Gaddafi to restore relations with Britain.

Diplomatic relations were broken off after WPC Fletcher, aged 25, died in April 1984 at the hands of a gunman firing from the Libyan People's Bureau in St James's Square, off Pall Mall, as she policed a demonstration in April. Thirty officials claiming diplomatic status were expelled from Britain.

Yesterday, after four months' deliberation, the dependents' trustees, led by Sir Clive Whitmore, the permanent under

secretary at the Home Office, said a formal approach would be made to the Charity Commissioners to absolve the trustees from taking the money. In a statement the trust, whose board includes Sir Peter Imbert, commissioner of the Metropolitan police, and leaders of police professional organisations, said under charity law the trustees had to give priority to the financial interests of their charity and its beneficiaries.

This normally required them to accept unconditional gifts of money no matter the source, but the statement said: "The trustees have concluded they should not

accept the donation because of the Libyan authorities' record of support for terrorist organisations including the IRA who have been responsible for the deaths of British police officers."

According to the Charity Commissioners the trust has already asked informally for advice and can take whatever action it wishes. If the trust wants its action reviewed and blessed by the High Court, however, it must obtain approval from the commissioners.

Alan Eastwood, chairman of the Police Federation and one of the trustees, said he fully endorsed

the action of the trust. Mike Bennett, spokesman for the Metropolitan Police Federation branch, said: "No amount of money could ever replace Yvonne and we think the decision to refuse the money is right. We were appalled that someone could offer money in an attempt to compensate for that dastardly act and are thankful that people cannot be bought."

George Foulkes, Labour's foreign affairs spokesman, described the decision as honourable. "It's exactly the right course of action to take. All the circumstances surrounding the offer were so

murky that they could not have taken any other course."

Sir David Steel, Liberal Democrat foreign affairs spokesman, said: "It's right that the police should reject this money. Without an apology and without the perpetrators being brought to justice, this is blood money which they can well do without."

Sir Teddy said he was "genuinely surprised" to hear of the decision. He was distressed about the time it took the trust to come to its decision. "I feel that the matter has been dealt with in such a discourteous manner that it's a little bit insulting," he said.

MPs angry at Brussels roadworks stricture

Tories try to avert damage over EC

By MICHAEL DYNES, MICHAEL MCCARTHY and RICHARD FORD

CONSERVATIVE MPs yesterday expressed outrage over the European Commission's attempt to halt disputed construction projects valued at £500 million, while the government moved to prevent the dispute from reopening dangerous divisions within the party over the EC.

Malcolm Rifkind, the transport secretary, politely but firmly rebuffed the request from Carlo Ripa Di Meana, the environment commissioner, to stop work on the schemes - which include the extension of the M3 through Twyford Down, Hampshire, and the East London River Crossing, which will cut through Oxleas wood, south-

east London - because they are allegedly in breach of EC environmental law. The request to stop, which accompanied the formal opening of legal proceedings against Britain, was personal and carries no legal force.

It was, however, enough to provoke outbursts about unacceptable interference from the Tory party's anti-European wing.

While the prime minister showed his concern by calling for the documents to be sent to him at the Commonwealth meeting in Harare, opponents of closer links with the EC seized on the letter as a portent of things to come.

Norman Tebbit, the former

party chairman, said it served as a preview of what life might be like in a fully united Europe. Other well-known Tory anti-Europeans, notably Sir Teddy Taylor and William Cash, joined the dispute, with Sir Teddy declaring that Brussels had gone power mad. More worrying for ministers, however, was the anger of such influential figures as David Howell, chairman of the foreign affairs select committee, who called for the commission's powers to be curbed.

He said: "This reinforces the need for clearer definition and strict limits on the commission and its institutions. We need reform, not to make them more powerful but to place closer restriction on their power."

Mr Rifkind said Britain had informed the commission three years ago about how the Environmental Impact Assessment directive was to be implemented in the UK, and no objections had been raised. "We are puzzled as to what has changed," he said. He would be giving the matter careful consideration, but declared that the schemes were urgently needed and the department would be continuing with the necessary advance works. When told that Signor Ripa Di Meana was seen by some as a white knight riding to the environment's rescue, Mr Rifkind retorted: "Knights sometimes fall off their horses."

A range of British environmental groups backed the commissioner. The Council for the Protection of Rural England said it was delighted with the commissioner's intervention, while the World Wide Fund for Nature welcomed the move over projects which it said were "set to destroy habitats of national wildlife value."

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Punctured ego: Brittany York, the only English model featured in Playboy's video Playmate calendar for 1992, found bicycle courier Gavin McDonald in a far from playful mood at the calendar's launch yesterday. Mr McDonald refused to leave the log where he was mending a puncture, despite the pleas of photographers

Jaguar says 700 workers must go

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

JAGUAR the car maker yesterday said it would have to make more than 700 workers redundant as sales continue to fall at home and abroad.

A further 600 workers were also made redundant yesterday from the Rover Group, which is cutting its workforce to cope with the drastic downturn in British sales.

Jaguar has already cut its 12,000 Coventry workforce by over 2,700 this year to combat a fall in sales of about 40 per cent. A call for 1,400 more volunteers to take redundancy or early retirement has failed. Only 720 came forward, forcing the company to consider making compulsory redundancies from November 1.

Executives yesterday outlined Jaguar's plight to union leaders, who accepted that the redundancies will follow an

extension of the deadline until the end of this month.

Jaguar said: "We have to make these cuts in line with the drop in our output as a result of the lack of sales in our key markets."

Output of luxury saloons and sports cars is expected to fall to about 25,000 this year, its lowest since 1982 and nearly 9,000 lower than in 1984, when the company was sold off from the old BL conglomerate.

Rover has cut its payroll by 4,000 this year, including 600 workers who left its main plants at Birmingham and Oxford yesterday. Its move reflects a slump in the car industry, from which there appears to be no relief in spite of government reassurances that the economy is picking up.

Figures from the Society of

Motor Manufacturers and

Traders show that car production fell by more than 11 per cent in September. The fall, to 90,739 cars, down from 102,153 in the same month of last year, was only the second monthly drop this year due to the industry's outstanding exports performance.

Exports remain strong, with 48,337 cars built for overseas last month, a rise of 42.14 per cent. The car makers' struggle is at home, with little sign of relief. Sales in the first ten days of October were down by 28 per cent, with Ford, the traditional market leader, slipping behind Vauxhall for the first time. Vauxhall took a market share of 18.2 per cent compared with Ford's 17.7 per cent and 14 per cent for Rover.

Production tends to lag behind sales, and the September decrease is seen in the industry as a sign that output for the home market will continue to be cut to the end of the year, possibly forcing more lay-offs and job losses.

Ford, Rolls-Royce, Jaguar and Rover are all seeking redundancies or short-time working in the last few months of this year.

Car production for the first nine months of the year is fractionally ahead of the same period of 1990, at 944,506 compared with 928,004, but output has been mainly supported by exports. They are up by 89.22 per cent at 452,198.

Difficulties remain in the commercial vehicle sector, where production for the first nine months is 27.85 per cent down on 1990 at 152,672. Exports are up 4.6 per cent.

Haughey spared by 11th-hour deal

Charles Haughey, the embattled Irish prime minister, yesterday dismissed speculation about his future as premier and pledged to lead his government into the next election in two years' time (Edward Gorman writes).

Mr Haughey, the subject of intense rumour that he might shortly be asked to stand down from the position he has held for 12 years, was speaking after finally reaching agreement with his junior coalition partners on a new programme for government.

Fianna Fail and the Progressive Democrats had been negotiating a mid-term review for four months and only finalised a deal in the early hours of yesterday morning, staving off a possible defeat on a confidence motion in the government taken in the Dáil in the afternoon. The government won by 84 votes to 81.

Dublin bookmakers were yesterday laying odds of 4-6 that Mr Haughey would be out of a job by Christmas.

Two fined for Sea King crash

A Royal Navy Sea King helicopter that ditched and sank after hitting a ship's deck netting during an attempt at a low-pass landing was being flown by an officer not qualified to land, a court martial at Yeovilton, Somerset, was told yesterday.

Sub Lieutenant Richard Williams, aged 23, admitted flying at a height, speed and proximity to the ship likely to cause loss of life or bodily injury. He was fined £500 and severely reprimanded.

Helicopter captain Lieutenant Neal Cain, aged 26, had given his seat to a naval passenger, Cain, of 826 Squadron, Culdroe, admitted allowing Williams to be at the controls when he was not qualified to land the aircraft, and allowing him to fly close enough to hit the ship. He was fined £500 and dismissed from 826 Squadron. He will be given another posting.

Tax warning

The new council tax could break down under the complexity of discount schemes for people on benefits or low incomes, David Major, president of the Institute of Revenue, Rating and Valuation, said yesterday. He told the annual conference in Bournemouth that councils would have to contact every home in their area to track down the 90,000 people the government expected to qualify for rebates.

Communist wins

Jack Adams was elected yesterday as the deputy general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union. He defeated Jack Dromey, who is married to Harriet Harman, Labour's health spokeswoman. On a 17.6 per cent poll, Mr Adams, a member of the Communist party, won 77,180 votes to 65,806 for Mr Dromey. Two other candidates polled a further 41,000 votes between them.

Siege inquest

Derek Wallbanks, who was shot by police during a siege at Brunswick Village, Tyne and Wear, last Saturday, died from a single bullet wound in the chest, an inquest at Newcastle upon Tyne was told yesterday. The hearing was later adjourned. The Police Complaints Authority is supervising a Cumbria police enquiry into the shooting of Wallbanks, aged 40, of Consett, Co Durham.

Murder charge

Police yesterday charged Leslie Bailey, aged 38, with the murder, together with persons unknown, of Mark Tildesley, the seven-year-old boy, who vanished in 1984 after going to a funeral near his home at Wokingham, Berkshire.

DOW'S PORT

From THE GREAT AGE of Port Drinking.

Gyngell apologises for releasing letter

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BRUCE Gyngell, chairman of TV-am, yesterday apologised for any embarrassment he has caused Margaret Thatcher by releasing what was meant as a private letter.

In a handwritten letter to Mr Gyngell, Mrs Thatcher accepted part of the blame for TV-am losing its licence. The apology issued by TV-am yesterday said: "Bruce sincerely apologises if he has upset Mrs Thatcher. However, he thought it was important to boost the morale of staff in the present circumstances."

Mrs Thatcher's remorse over the legislation, however, may have strengthened the resolve of the four losers now consulting lawyers about mounting a legal challenge. But it has not altered their chances of overturning the Independent Television Commission's decisions.

Yesterday the ITC was confident that none of its decisions could be reversed by long and costly legal battles now being considered by four of the losers, including TVS, TSW, Richard Branson's CPV-TV and Phil Redmond's North West Television.

"Area by area, decision by decision, we are absolutely 100 per cent confident that we will withstand judicial review. We have not made any perverse or unreasonable judgments," an ITC spokesman said.

"Our worry is that it would be disruptive and a waste of valuable time when time is of essence in ensuring the show gets on

the road in 14 months' time."

Most lawyers believe that the losers will have little problem in obtaining leave to apply for a judicial review from a High Court judge. They say, however, that it will be next to impossible win.

Even if they were able to prove that the ITC had



Gyngell: "Important to boost morale of staff"

acted unlawfully, unreasonably or outside its statutory remit, the most a judge could do would be to force the ITC to reconsider its decision.

Michael Ridley, a partner in the legal firm Denton Hall Burgin and Warrens, said judicial review would test only whether the ITC has followed the correct procedures and if not, directs the ITC through the procedure again. "It is highly unlikely that after such a careful process the ITC would go through it all again and make a different decision," he said.

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Racism disn over n school

RACISM WITH PREJUDICE
A black woman who was
the victim of a racist
attack in a school in
London has been
transferred to a
school where she
will be safe from
further attacks.
The girl, who was
attacked by a group
of white boys, was
injured and had to
be taken to hospital.
The school principal
said that the attack
was a result of the
girl's race and that
the school was
unable to protect her.
The girl's parents
are now considering
legal action against
the school.



Court victors: Jenny...

Toy and decline

SALES of children's toys
in Britain declined
last year against a
background of recession and
increasing juvenile sophistication,
according to a firm
market analysis.
From the age of ten, children

Oliver North's Tehran story

Before I left
Washington, William
Casey, the head of the
CIA, had summoned
me to his office, where
he calmly handed me a
strip of six white
triangular pills sealed
in a plastic wrapper.



Take these with you,
he said. 'You may need
them if things get bad.'
It was right out of
a spy novel.
Oliver North gives his
own account of the
mission to Tehran on
the arms-for-hostages
deal and reveals what
President Reagan knew
about Contragate.
Exclusive interview in
The Sunday Times.

Racism claim dismissed over mother's school move

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

IN A ruling with potentially serious implications for multi-racial education, the High Court yesterday upheld a mother's right to demand that her daughter be transferred from a school where 60 per cent of the pupils were Asian.

Mr Justice Macpherson ruled that Cleveland county council was not guilty of race discrimination in complying with a request to move a girl aged five. He said the Commission for Racial Equality had not established any unlawful conduct on the part of the education authority.

The authority had argued that it had no option but to approve the transfer in 1988 of Katrice Carney from Abingdon Road school, Middlesbrough, to a school two miles away where 98 per cent of the children were white. Its duty under the Education Act 1980 to comply with the wishes of Katrice's mother, Jenny, overrode the provisions of the 1976 Race Relations Act.

The commission claimed that the council, and then John MacGregor, as education secretary, had misinterpreted the law. Dismissing the commission's application, the judge said Parliament intended that parental preference should be "supreme" in this field.

He had no reason to doubt Mrs Carney's assertion that she had no objection to Asian people, and her request for Katrice to be moved had nothing to do with race. She was simply concerned that her daughter should learn to read, write and speak her own language before learning Hindi.

Mrs Carney became unhappy when Katrice, who has a half-African father, came

home singing a nursery rhyme, "One potato, two potato", in Hindi. In spite of her insistence that she had not acted out of racism, the case has been seen as setting a precedent for multi-racial schools.

Some campaigners have claimed that the case opened the way to educational apartheid, especially in areas with high concentrations of children from ethnic minorities.

The judge said, however, that he was confident his decision would not open the floodgates to transfer applications by parents on racial grounds but disguised as something else.

The commission said yesterday that it feared the judgment gave councils "the right to discriminate" and could lead to racial segregation of schools. Jean Coussins, director of the commission's social policy division, said: "We are seriously considering an appeal against this decision because we fear it may give parents not just the right to choose but local education authorities the right to discriminate." Education authorities would find themselves on a cleft stick she said.

Cleveland carried out the transfer reluctantly, and Ms Coussins said that other

Aberfan still pays the price of coal

By TIM JONES

IN a corner of Aberfan cemetery the flowers are always fresh and yesterday, after the rain, they danced in the sun. Behind them, like silent white sentinels, the arched headstones bear witness to one of the worst disasters in Britain.

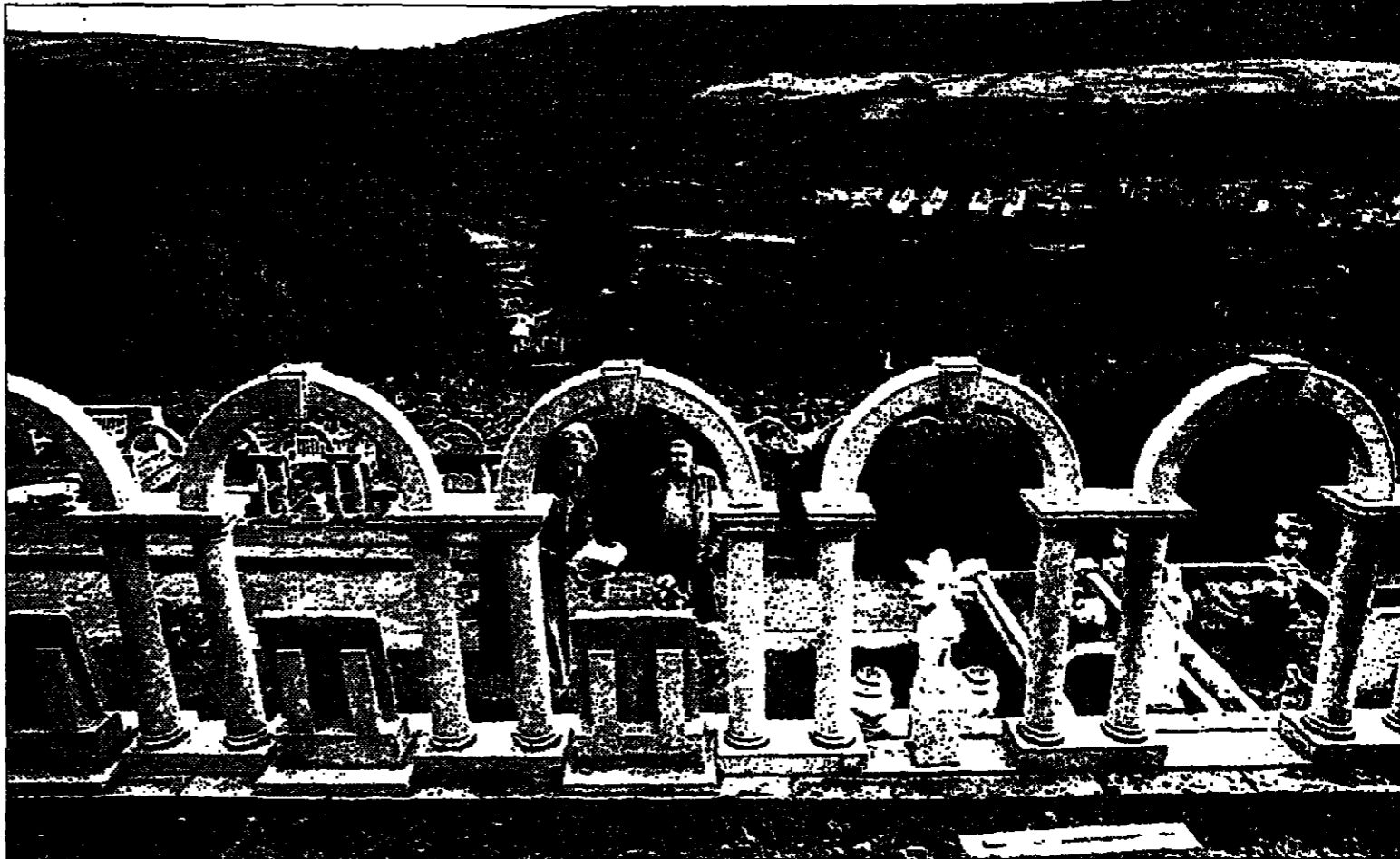
On Monday, as they have done on every October 21 for 25 years, the villagers will again gather to commemorate the awful day when the huge coal tip collapsed and devastated a Pan-glas primary school, killing 116 children and 28 adults.

Within hours, the name of Aberfan was flashed throughout the world as men and women, stripped of fear and oblivious to danger, tore at the clinging slurry with their bare hands.

South Wales had always known the price of coal and women lived in fear of hearing the colliery sirens signalling a disaster. But Aberfan was different. The little children were safe in school and, damn it, it should not have happened.

The scars have not healed nor will they. Some parents lost their faith in God while others have found strength through religion. The great glue which binds them together is their community spirit.

Some stories about that day are so awful they still make people shudder. On the morning of the disaster, a



Innocents lost: the arches of Aberfan cemetery overlook the valley as Phyllis and Gwynne Browns attend the grave of daughter Kay yesterday

little boy told his mother he was too ill to go to school. Disbelieving, she packed him on his way and her last memory is of him walking to school crying.

After 44 years down the mine, Bryn Carpenter is not the kind of man to cry. Yesterday, however, the tears welled in his eyes as he made it clear he could never forgive the National Coal Board for what had happened. By an awful paradox,

it was the waste from the Merthyr Vale colliery in which he worked that built up the number seven tip that killed his son Desmond, aged 10. What really hurts the majority of the parents of Aberfan is that they were forced to pay £150,000 towards the cost of clearing up the deadly tip from the £1.7 million that was donated worldwide.

"I will never forgive the coal board for that. The pain

will never go away, the anguish is forever. What comforts me and the other parents is that we are not alone."

A five-month enquiry headed by Lord Justice Edmund Davies ruled that the board was responsible for the disaster. Cyril Vaughan, a trustee of the disaster fund, said: "We just had to get rid of the tip. Every day it was there it cut deeper." On his table was a letter from a

woman in London, who had enclosed a cheque for £25. It said she had heard the news on the day her pregnancy had been confirmed. It said: "I raged against God but then I realised it had happened because of man's greed and incompetence."

In his surgery, Dr Arthur Jones still has to deal with the scars and trauma. He said: "At least 20 mothers and fathers are believed to have died prematurely since

the tragedy because of the strain and heartache."

On that black day 25 years ago, one little girl became a symbol of hope. The picture of Susan Robertson being carried from the carnage by PC Ernie Jones touched the world. Now married with two children, she said: "I would never leave Aberfan. It has always been our family home and a place where people understand and help each other."

Blandford loses jail appeal

The Marquess of Blandford lost his appeal yesterday against a three-month jail sentence for driving while disqualified. He was sent back to Oxford jail, where he has spent the last 11 days cleaning showers and doing the laundry, with a warning that he could have been given an even greater penalty.

Judge John Slack, dismissing the appeal at Aylesbury crown court, Buckinghamshire, told the 35-year-old heir to the 11th Duke of Marlborough: "It is our view that the magistrates may well have been justified in imposing in total a greater sentence than they did in fact impose."

Blandford's appeal was against the two six-week jail sentences imposed by magistrates at Beaconsfield for two offences of driving while banned and offences of driving while disqualified.

Michael de Navarro, QC, for Blandford, told Judge Slack that his client had been chastened by his time in jail.

Greenway to stand trial

Harry Greenway, Conservative MP for Ealing North, must stand trial at the Central Criminal Court on seven corruption charges, a magistrate decided yesterday.

The MP is alleged to have accepted gifts, including foreign holidays, in return for using parliamentary influence on behalf of Plasser Railway Machinery (GB) in connection with contracts with British Rail. Mr Greenway is also alleged to have lied on a British nationality application for Norbert Jurssek, Plasser's managing director. Defence applications for dropping the case against Mr Greenway, Mr Jurssek and two other men failed.

Royal speeding

The Princess Royal yesterday had a 66mph ride in a powerboat on Windermere, England's largest lake, for which the Lake District planning board wants a 10mph limit. Powerboat enthusiasts said the Royal Yachting Association president's visit to their record speeds week supported their campaign against a ban.

Radio reprimand

An Asian radio station in Bradford which failed to broadcast promised Afro-Caribbean music on four nights in June because its presenter failed to show up has been censured by the Radio Authority. Sunrise was fined £2,500 in March for replacing the music with Golf coverage in January.

Short loses

Britain's top ranked chess grandmaster, Nigel Short, lost in the first round of the highly rated international tournament at Tilburg in The Netherlands to the Indian grandmaster, Viswanathan Anand.



Court victors: Jenny Carney and daughter Katrice

Toy and game sales decline sharply

By BILL FROST

SALES of children's toys and games in Britain declined sharply last year against a background of recession and increasing juvenile sophistication, according to a firm of market analysts.

From the age of ten, children

are increasingly attuned to the adult markets of fashion, recorded music and consumer electronics, a report by Euromonitor says.

Retail sales of toys and games in Britain totalled just under £930 million last year, having exceeded £1 billion in 1989. "In current terms, the market declined by 8 per cent in 1990, and in real terms by 17 per cent," Euromonitor said.

Euromonitor forecasts an overall decline of 8 per cent in the UK toy and games market this year, with the possibility of recovery in 1992.

British parents spent an average of £90 on presents per child in 1989 - considerably less than parents in Sweden and Switzerland, who spent £160 and £150 respectively. The average Irish child was bought toys worth £40.

Teenage mutant hero turtles, electronic television games and Barbie dolls are popular among British children, but traditional board games, including Scrabble and Monopoly, and Lego sets remain clear favourites. Matchbox cars have retained their attraction, along with My Little Pony and Fisher-Price toys.

British parents are showing an increasing unwillingness to buy toys that pander to the aggression of little boys. Manufacturers are now addressing issues such as racism, sexism and militarism before launching a product line, according to the report.

In America, which traditionally leads the international market, militaristic toys and anglo-saxon role-model dolls are already viewed unfavourably. Action Against War Toys, a pacifist pressure group, has successfully campaigned against replica water pistols, which must now be made in garish colours.

Oliver North's Tehran story

Before I left Washington, William Casey, the head of the CIA, had summoned me to his office, where he calmly handed me a strip of six white triangular pills sealed in a plastic wrapper.



"Take these with you," he said. "You may need them if things get bad." It was right out of a spy novel.

Oliver North gives his own account of the mission to Tehran on the arms-for-hostages deal and reveals what President Reagan knew about Conragate?

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Local Labour party fights imposition of moderate candidate

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Labour party was divided yesterday by the leadership's imposition of a moderate candidate to fight the Hemsworth by-election in place of a close ally of Arthur Scargill.

Although Neil Kinnock sought to defend the rejection of Ken Capstick, a National Union of Mineworkers official, local party workers protested at the decision.

An NUM official accused the Labour leadership of an "obsessive vendetta" against miners and described its action as "creeping Stalinism". The Hemsworth constituency party demanded a new selection process that let Mr Capstick be reconsidered for the by-election caused by the death of George Buckley, who held the seat for Labour with a majority of 20,700.

After vetting all nine potential candidates, the leadership's "hit squad", led by Roy Hattersley, rejected Mr Capstick and presented the local party with a shortlist of four moderates. When the local party refused to endorse any of them, the squad imposed Derek Enright, a former Euro-MP, on it as candidate.

During a visit to Manchester, Mr Kinnock said that the Labour national executive committee by-election panel "quite clearly" did not believe that Mr Capstick was the best candidate to fight the November 7 by-election.

"We have a system of by-election panels which has now been running for several years, which has been completely

endorsed by the whole Labour party," Mr Kinnock said. "There was no pressure from me whatsoever. The panel came to their decision on a perfectly fair basis of prolonged interviews with the people nominated. It was not a stitch-up."

However, Frank Cave, the NUM Yorkshire area chairman, said: "We are appalled at the way our nominee, Ken Capstick, was prevented from even being considered by the constituency Labour party."

"There appears to be an obsessive vendetta in Hemsworth Road against the miners, their union and their leaders, and it is high time it ended. Yesterday's events are evidence of a creeping Stalinism within our own party, which must be reversed."

David Marshall, the constituency Labour party secretary, called for Mr Enright to resign and face reselection with Mr Capstick. The NEC panel's imposition of Mr Enright was "an insult to the Labour voters, party members and memory of George Buckley", he said.

Mr Marshall said: "The dictatorial attitude of the Labour leadership will make it harder for us to win the support of the traditional Labour voters to achieve what we all want - a Labour government. Derek Enright has very little support within the constituency and would not have won the position of candidate in the constituency. If Derek Enright believes in democratic socialism, then

his course of action must be to withdraw and force the NEC to reconsider the whole procedure. The NEC should draw up a shortlist including Derek Enright and Ken Capstick, who received broad support in the constituency."

Dennis Skinner, the left-wing Labour MP for Bolsover, told Yorkshire Television that it was due to "guilt by association" that Mr Capstick was blocked. He added: "The mining industry is under severe threats from the Tory government. I think it would have been proper for the party to have let a mining candidate remain."

Chris Patten, the Conservative party chairman, yesterday said that the dispute, and the appointment of Jack Adams, a communist, as deputy general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, proved that Labour remained chained to the unions. "The mask of moderation in the Labour party keeps on slipping," he said.



Embracing politics: Laura Gregory, just two days' old and cradled in the arms of Neil Kinnock, becomes the unwitting conduit of the country's fiercest evidence to date that a general election is in the offing. The Labour leader, chatting yesterday with Laura's mother, Patricia, at Manchester's closure-threatened Withington hospital, refrained from kissing the child; that gesture, awaited by many as the starting pistol for the race to the hustings, could be argued to be the prerogative of the party in power. Yet

the touching moment recalled the words of Thomas Hardy - "A perfect gentleman then neared ... The baby fell a-thinking" - and George Eliot: "An election is coming ... and the foxes have a sincere interest in prolonging the lives of the poultry."

MPs out of line on women's issues

By PAUL WILKINSON

MPs are out of touch with women supporters, according to a survey carried out for BBC radio 4's *Women's Hour*.

Only 4 per cent of Tory MPs who responded said that new laws were needed to help women to receive equal treatment at work, but 48 per cent of women who planned to vote Conservative believed they were necessary.

Four out of five Tory MPs did not believe that measures were needed to increase numbers of women in the Commons, while two out of five of their women supporters did.

Labour MPs are also out of step. On abortion three-quarters of responding MPs believed present legislation was adequate, although only slightly more than a third of their women supporters agreed. A total 240 MPs responded to the survey.

There was party unanimity on the matter of caring. On nursery care three-quarters of all Tory MPs interviewed, 99 per cent of the Labour MPs and all Liberal Democrats said it should be available at a price parents could afford.

Scots steelworkers enter by-election

By KERRY GILL

THE Labour party, which is widely tipped to win Langbaugh from the Conservatives in next month's by-election, was embarrassed last night by the disclosure that Scottish steelworkers will field a candidate in the Teesside constituency.

It is expected that Alan Raby, union convener at the Dalzell steel plate works in Strathclyde, will be chosen to fight the seat as a protest over British Steel's plan to build a new plate mill at Lackenby, on Teesside. The mill will replace the Dalzell plant with the loss of 500 jobs.

The steelworkers want to highlight their campaign to save Dalzell and demonstrate what they regard as Labour's hypocrisy in purporting to back Dalzell while calling for a replacement plate mill.

The challenge could deflect enough votes from Labour to stop it winning the seat, allowing a Tory victory in spite of the steelworkers' belief that government policy is responsible for the collapse of the Scottish steel industry. Labour needs a swing of only 1.7 per cent to overturn the Tory majority of 2,088. Mr Raby, aged 50, said that Labour was divided in its views over where a plate mill should be sited, which was one reason why the steelworkers were fielding a candidate.

The candidate will be able to claim television and radio coverage as well as the chance

to appear in any televised debates. David Clark, one of the Scottish trade unionists behind the candidature, said: "Until now we have had good coverage for our case in Scotland, but not in England. Our objective is not to get votes in this by-election but to win a broader audience to hear our claims."

Last night Ashok Kumar, the Labour candidate, who supports the Lackenby plan, said: "I will reserve judgment on what impact he will have on the by-election until next Wednesday when nominations close. However, the experience of the steel industry on Teesside has been as tough as that experienced in Scotland and I have sympathy with their case."

Steel industry shop stewards at Lackenby criticised the Scottish candidature and called on their members to support Dr Kumar. They said the move was inspired by the Scottish National Party, which wanted to embarrass Labour.

Michael Bates, the Tory candidate, said: "Labour has been caught out. Obviously they have said one thing on Teesside and another in Scotland. I'm sure this decision to field another candidate will prove embarrassing to Labour."

The SNP denied it was behind the by-election move.

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Baker pledges action against race attacks

By JOHN WINDER

A CAMPAIGN against racial attacks in London was called for yesterday by Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, speaking in the Commons.

Opening a debate on crime in London, Mr Baker said that he wanted to tackle the civil of racial attacks, over which he shared the abhorrence of Sir Peter Imbert, the Metropolitan Police commissioner.

Sir Peter, who is directly answerable to Parliament for policing the capital, said that the present clear-up rate of 30 per cent of reported racial attacks left much room for improvement.

Last year in London, 2,908 incidents were reported, a rise of nearly 8 per cent on the previous year. There had been

291 arrests in connection with racial incidents last year.

A number of Metropolitan Police divisions, some with specialist units to deal with racial incidents, had joined local authorities in forming groups to tackle racial attacks. Mr Baker added: "It is not just a question of catching the criminals. They must be properly dealt with by the courts."

He said that the Metropolitan Police was recruiting more members of ethnic minority communities - a total of 928 this year alone.

Roy Hattersley, shadow home secretary, praised the force's work on recruiting from ethnic minorities and tackling racial attacks. He hoped that talks proposed by Sir Peter on race-related marches would continue in the hope that they such public demonstrations could be ended without an unacceptable infringement of civil liberties.

Mr Hattersley also called for the formation of an elected police authority.

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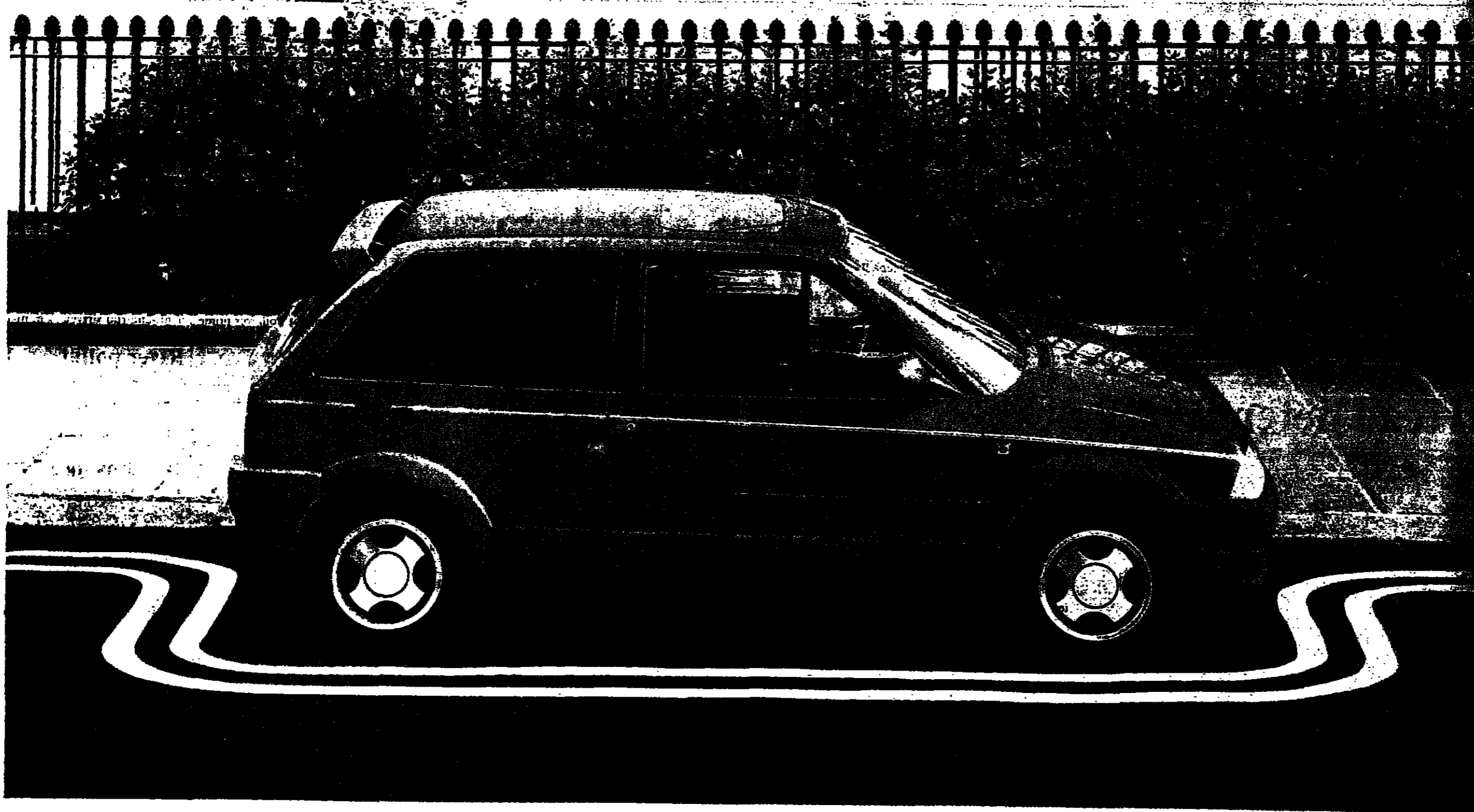
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Wels OWN plan

By E...

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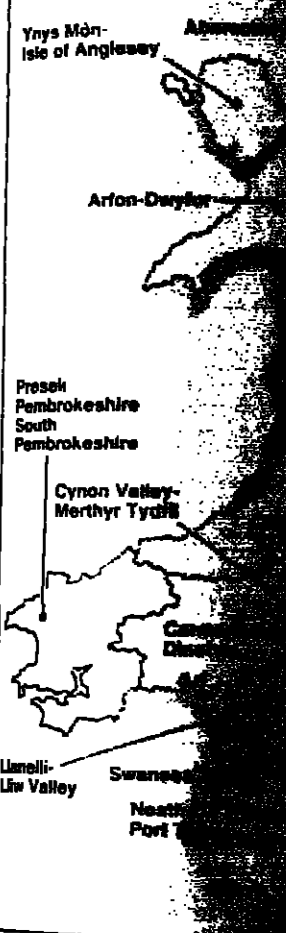
In an unprecedented move of unanimity, ten of the district councils in Wales have agreed to merge with their neighbours to create a single tier of purpose local authorities.

The plan, which has been endorsed by the Council of Welsh Districts, is a response to proposals by David Davies, the Welsh secretary.

According to the plan, the councils, their plan to save taxpayers £1 million a week by reducing the number of authorities from 45 to 10.

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WELSH DISTRICTS



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Welsh districts offer own extinction in plan to end counties

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

WALES could become the first part of Britain to abolish county councils under a plan presented to ministers yesterday.

In an unprecedented display of unanimity, ten of the 37 district councils in the principality have agreed to merge with their neighbours to create a single tier of 27 all-purpose local authorities.

The plan, which has been endorsed by the Council of Welsh Districts, is close to the proposals for the creation of 20 authorities by David Hunt, the Welsh secretary.

According to the district councils, their plan would save taxpayers £1 million a week by reducing the number of authorities from 45 to 27.

By taking a co-operative stance the districts hope to persuade Mr Hunt to adopt their modified version of his plan rather than acquiesce to

the county councils' demand for a commission of enquiry. Mr Hunt is reluctant to appoint a commission although Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, has decided to appoint one to review local government in England.

Local government throughout mainland Britain is to be reorganised if the Conservatives win the next election. Ministers want a single tier of authorities.

At present only London and the metropolitan areas have unitary authorities but the government argues that the duplication is wasteful and confusing to local people. The English local government commission will be named before Christmas.

Although all eight Welsh counties would be abolished the district councils' plan would restore seven tra-

ditional county names to the municipal map of Wales. Meirionnydd, Montgomeryshire, Ceredigion, Radnorshire, Pembrokeshire, Carmarthen and Brecknock would all become unitary authorities in their own right.

The plan would also create unified authorities covering Anglesey (Ynys Môn), Arfon and Dwyfor, Aberconwy and Colwyn and the Vale of Clwyd, and restore county borough status to Cardiff, Swansea and Newport.

Three districts, Port Talbot, Cynon Valley and Rhymney Valley, voted against the plan.

David Thomas, chairman of the Welsh districts, said: "We know our communities better than the Welsh Office does and we believe that our proposals will provide the best local government for the people of Wales."

"Our community-based unitary authorities will provide more effective, more responsive and higher quality services. We hope David Hunt will share our vision."

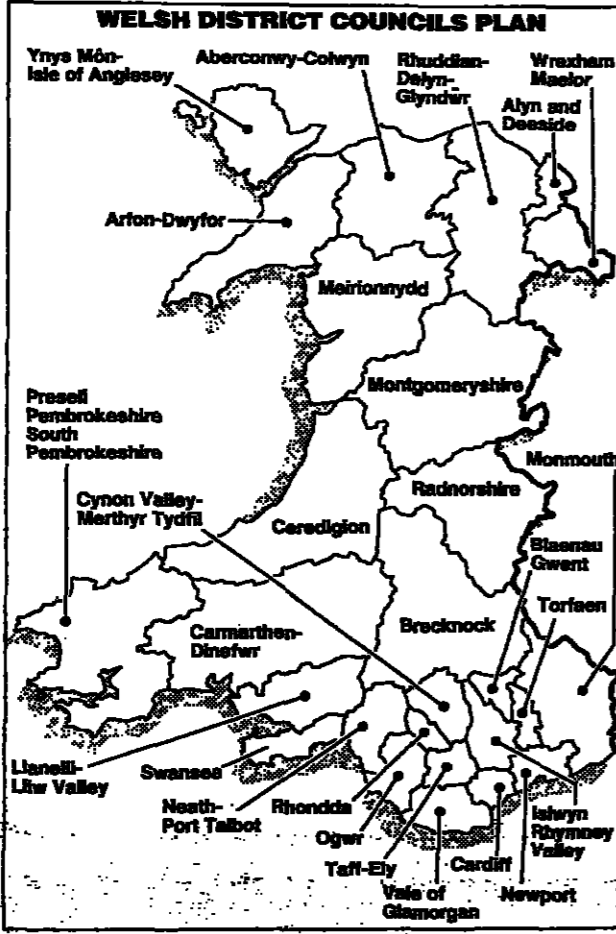
A spokesman for Mr Hunt said that he could not comment on individual proposals. The closing date for submission on the future of local government in Wales is October 31.

In Wales many of the county councils created when local government was last reorganised in 1974 were given new names and covered much larger areas.

Unlike their English counterparts, who have found it hard to argue for the retention of artificial creations like Avon and Humberside, the Assembly of Welsh Counties has sought to emphasise their strengths.

Dr William George, leader of Gwynedd and chairman of the assembly, said: "This government has always been dedicated to cost-efficiency and yet the Welsh counties have demonstrated the benefits of the economies of scale."

He said the districts' plans only emphasised "the need to examine the structure of local government in Wales much more carefully than the government proposes".



City technology college under fire

Head defends 'remarkable' record

By CRAIG SETON

THE principal of Britain's first city technology college yesterday defended its "remarkable" achievements for working-class pupils in the wake of a report by Her Majesty's inspectors of schools that criticised standards of technology teaching.

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Jack Straw, Labour's edu-

cation spokesman, has said that the inspectors' report was an embarrassment for the government. His party is pledged to scrap the CTC programme.

Mrs Bragg said that if the report had been wholly uncritical, the school would have faced claims that it had done well because it was lavishly funded by the government and industrial sponsors and creamed off the brightest pupils.

Kingshurst's catchment area in north Solihull and east Birmingham covers a large overspill council housing estate. Mrs Bragg said that the school had more than a fair share of pupils whose parents were unemployed or in unskilled jobs or were single parents. She said: "We have raised their expectations and their aspirations. What we have achieved is remarkable. These children come from working-class backgrounds

and most of their parents left school at 16."

Mrs Bragg said that Kingshurst, as the first CTC, established in 1988, was in an educational goldfish bowl. She had still to meet the heads of state comprehensive schools in the area, and added: "I do feel isolated. When I was first appointed, I felt isolated because nobody would speak to me and I lost some of my friends in education. There is a lot of sour grapes and jealousy. The only heads who talk to us are heads of independent schools from across the country."

The inspectors visited the college in May at its invitation. They reported that standards in foreign languages and in craft and design aspects of technology were "less than satisfactory overall".

Mrs Bragg said that the report was tremendous. It had described the 1,000-pupil school as popular, innovative and largely successful. She said it also proved that Kingshurst was not creaming off the brightest students from the area and dealt with children of all abilities. All areas of criticism had been dealt with. Kingshurst had operated for only eight terms and had had a post-16 intake for only two.

"We asked for the report because we wanted an outsider's critical reflection," Mrs Bragg said. "We did not want to be told everything was wonderful. In eight terms, you cannot really expect everything to be wonderful."

Mrs Bragg said that Kingshurst received no more money than other schools. Its spacious, well equipped facilities had been achieved through imaginative use of its budget.

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Swinging for her supper: Elena Gogh, one of the Ukraine's best gymnasts, prepares for a coaching session at Marlborough college, Wiltshire, where she is teaching gymnastics to girls in exchange for her own tuition, boarding and living expenses. Elena, aged 17, visited the college last November with a school party from Kiev. She subsequently arranged to spend a year at Marlborough, studying English, history and business.

Government sets up folic acid enquiry

By THOMSON PRENTICE, MEDICAL CORRESPONDENT

A TEAM of government-appointed experts is to investigate evidence that babies are protected against spina bifida and other severe malformations if their mothers have a diet rich in folic acid, a vitamin found in green vegetables.

The group has been set up as a result of a Medical Research Council study showing that folic acid prevents neural tube defects during pregnancy, including spina bifida and anencephaly, in which the brain fails to develop.

Kenneth Calman, the government's chief medical

officer, announcing the establishment of the team, said yesterday: "It is essential that the dietary implications for women are fully considered so that clear advice can be given to help to ensure that they give birth to healthy babies."

Women who are likely to become pregnant have already been advised to eat foods containing folic acid, a vitamin in the B group, such as lightly cooked spinach, broccoli, cabbage and sprouts. That advice was offered by the health department in July immediately after the MRC study, of more than 1,800 women, was published in *The Lancet*.

Women who had had a pregnancy involving a neural tube defect were told that before starting another pregnancy they should consult their doctor, who would be able to prescribe folic acid tablets to supplement their diet.

Dr Calman said: "Any steps that we can be sure will reduce further the incidence of these defects must be supported."

The investigating team will be chaired by Dame June Lloyd, Nuffield professor of child health at the Institute of Child Health, London. The members include five professors with expertise in obstetrics and gynaecology, nutrition and preventive medicine.

College art sale may be blocked

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE Charity Commission is expected to turn down a request from the Royal Holloway and Bedford New College to sell three paintings, a Turner, a Constable and a Gainsborough, after a report showing the merged college in better financial shape than had been thought. The paintings were bequeathed by the founder of Holloway College.

This week the University of London's court, its funding authority, considered a financial report from the college, part of the university, showing that it could move from deficit to surplus in three years without selling the pictures. The report is thought to be the same as the one submitted to the commission.

The commissioners, who last month told the college to provide a more detailed financial justification for the sale, are expected to consider the proposal at their November monthly meeting. The sale could bring the college, in Egham, Surrey, as much as £20 million.

But the report forecasts that after three lean years, careful financial planning could lead to a surplus in 1994. The picture would be even rosier if the government granted the college's request for a further 200 to

250 funded places. The college also wants to sell a 14-acre site it owns at Egham for development to build a new library, but planning permission has so far been refused.

There were more than 300 objections to the sale of the paintings from academics, art historians, national gallery directors and politicians. The paintings are Turner's seascape *Van Tromp going about to please his masters*, Constable's *A sketch for view on the Stour near Dedham* and Gainsborough's *Peasants going to market*.

They were bought by the founder, Thomas Holloway, in 1883 and given to the college "for the decoration of the buildings and the benefit of the persons entitled to reside therein". The founder's collection, which has been open to the public since 1886, is a focus of the college's new centre for the study of Victorian art and architecture, which was established with a gift of £250,000 from Christie's.

The sale of the paintings has been considered at various times over the past 20 years. In 1971 the college received a letter from the then education secretary, Margaret Thatcher, casting doubt on the college's power to sell.

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Outside court, Pollard wept and said that she hoped to heal the rift between her family and her aunt and uncle. "So far, although we have tried to say sorry, there has been no real communication," she said. "It was just a silly prank that went wrong. I was surprised by the jury's verdicts."

The court was told that Mr and Mrs Jellicoe, of Ellesmere Port, Cheshire, travelled to a get-together at Pollard's home at Haverfordwest, Dyfed. Unbeknown to them, Pollard had grated cannabis into a celebration cake, turning the Jellicoes' evening into "an horrific nightmare" lasting two days, Peter Rouch, for the prosecution, said.

The jury was told that Mrs Jellicoe had fled the house and had been convinced that she was going to die. She had thought that two passing policemen who tried to help were going to kill her.

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Firm fined for lack of radiation warning

Massey Ferguson was fined £10,000 yesterday for failing adequately to warn buyers of its MF38 combine harvester about the danger of radiation from an instrument on the machine.

Warwick crown court was told that the radioactive source in a meter measuring yield flow presented no danger in a new machine that worked properly, but there was concern about older machines that might have become damaged or dismantled.

Adrian Redgrave, for the Health and Safety Executive, said that more than 200 harvesters could be "at risk". If the meter became detached any radioactive material that entered the ground could remain active for 5,000 years. Massey Ferguson admitted breaching the Health and Safety at Work Act and was ordered to pay £5,000 costs. The firm has issued all known owners of the MF38 with a new handbook.

Secret crop

Peter Jones, aged 35, who cultivated 275 cannabis plants with a yield worth £100,000 in the greenhouse of his failed garden nursery business at Milford Haven, Dyfed, was jailed for 18 months by Swansea crown court.

Tax defeat

The Inland Revenue failed in an appeal to the High Court against a 1989 ruling by the Tax Commissioners that journalists can offset the cost of newspapers and periodicals against their income tax.

Coma girl dies

Fiona O'Halloran, aged 14, died in hospital after being in a coma since inhaling lighter fuel in the playground of Sowerby Bridge high school, near Halifax, on Saturday.

Sex case vicar

The Rev Tom Tyler, the West Sussex vicar who was found guilty by a church court of adultery with a parishioner, has been granted an extra two weeks to prepare an appeal.

Pianist hurt

The pianist Ian Munro has withdrawn from a concert performance in Leipzig tomorrow after being injured by a hit-and-run driver in Pimlico, London.

River polluted

Fenwood Country Chickens, a chicken processing firm of Attleborough, Norfolk, was fined £10,000 by Wymondham magistrates for polluting a tributary of the river Thet.

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García denies graft

From REUTER
IN LIMA

ALAN García, the former president, defending himself before the Peruvian senate, denied accusations that he illegally enriched himself in office. He told the senate on Thursday that the allegations were the product of "hate" by his political enemies.

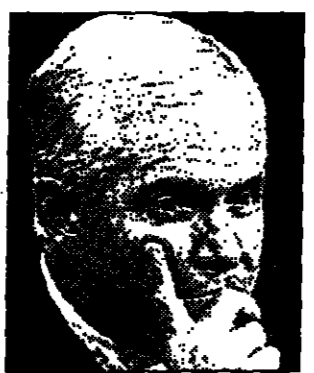
Earlier this week a senate commission ratified the findings of a chamber of deputies panel that he enriched himself by about \$400,000 (£341,000) during 14 years as a public servant. "I've been presented as the Shah of Persia with vast fortunes, corruption with the BCCI and, in the end, what is brought here is [that I enriched myself by] \$187,000 during my term as president," Señor García said. "This is what my accusers say. I say it is not even one dollar." Señor García has been enmeshed in corruption charges linked to BCCI — the Bank of Credit and Commerce International — since Robert Morgenthau, the Manhattan district attorney, named his government's officials as having taken bribes for depositing up to \$270 million from Peru's reserves in the bank.

Bush's worries grow despite court victory

From PETER STOTHARD, US EDITOR, IN WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bush turned yesterday's oath-taking ceremony for Clarence Thomas into a triumphalist rally, reflecting both the increased confidence in the White House about its political handling of the affair and growing worries about other aspects of its domestic agenda for the 1992 campaign.

More than 300 guests assembled on the South Lawn to hear the new Supreme Court judge swear allegiance to the constitution of the United States, the oath taken by all government officials



Gates: controversial CIA nomination approved

and normally attended only by close family members and friends. The president has seized upon the perceived poor showing of Democratic senators during the Thomas hearings to press ahead with charges that his opponents are out of touch with the views of ordinary Americans. He is planning a series of speeches in which he will highlight the gap between black voters and black activists and women voters and feminist interest groups.

A further boost came yesterday when the Senate intelligence committee voted by 11 to 4 to approve the controversial nomination of Robert Gates as director of the CIA. Congressional leaders who, only a few weeks ago thought that they could embarrass the president and his nominee with new information about the Iran-Contra affair and political bias in intelligence assessment, shied away from another bruising battle that they could not guarantee to win.

Democrats are counter-attacking by trying to turn Americans' attention away from Washington committee

rooms and back towards their economic problems. A cloud of gloomy statistics hung over yesterday's White House celebrations, dominated by a 2.2 per cent fall in house-building last month after five months of successive slow growth. This followed Thursday's announcement that industrial production had risen last month by only 0.1 per cent and that the growth in August, originally stated as 0.3 per cent, had in fact been zero. A new chamber of commerce survey showed a sharp fall in confidence.

The president has become increasingly frustrated at the credit squeeze which his friends in Texas tell him is stopping their attempts to do business. Robert Mosbacher, the Texan commerce secretary and close friend of the president, is pushing for new policies to replace the bland optimism which the White House has preferred until now. With the support of Jack Kemp, the housing secretary, he is calling for the administration to press home its political advantage in Congress by reopening the fight for a capital gains tax cut.



Winning match: Ted Turner, owner of Cable News Network, and the film actress Jane Fonda, his fiancée, cheering the Atlanta Braves baseball team as they win their first place in the US World Series since 1958 by beating the Pittsburgh Pirates in Pittsburgh. Mr Turner, who owns the Braves, and Miss Fonda joined thousands of fans in celebrations. The Indian Affairs Council, based in Minnesota, said the action of fans who donned war-paint and feathers was "shameful and disgraceful". Clyde Bellecourt, of the American Indian Movement, said: "We are portrayed by such behaviour as a bunch of savages."

Behind public grief Killeen finds time for gun worship

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN KILLEEN, TEXAS

There can be few places as soulless as Killeen, Texas, the town which entered the record books on Wednesday for the deadliest handgun shooting in modern American history.

It is an ugly conglomeration of motels, fast food restaurants, petrol stations and stores strung out along six-lane highways. Killeen's housing is utilitarian, much of it 66,000 inhabitants transient. There is no town centre to speak of. It sits in the heart of Texas but on the way to nowhere in particular. It sprang up after the second world war to cater for Fort Hood, America's largest military base which abuts the towns to the north and west.

Its biggest indigenous industry would appear to be the ubiquitous pawn shop where GIs trade possessions for cash till pay day. There are also gun shops — no less than nine, according to the telephone directory. Age is the only restriction on firearms purchases. "For generations, guns have been a way of life in my rural district," Chet Edwards, Central Texas's Democratic congressman, told the House of Representatives on Thursday.

Yesterday the *Dallas Morning News* listed a dozen multiple killings by deranged gunmen in Texas, the first in 1966, when a sniper climbed to the top of a tower in Austin, 60 miles south of here, and picked off 16 people before the police shot him. This may be the Bible Belt but it is also the place where the people are to an extent inured to guns and violence.

Admittedly, Mr Edwards, previously a strong opponent of gun control, changed sides on Thursday. Killeen's flags are at half-mast, a memorial fund has been established,

churches are holding special services, trauma and support groups have been set up and a few bouquets of flowers have begun appearing outside Luby's cafeteria where the killings occurred. But to a British outsider who recalled the Hungerford killings and its aftermath, the strong impression is of a place where behind the public display of grief life goes on as normal.

A "Pig Fest" celebration replete with "Texas lawmen gunfights" is proceeding as planned in neighbouring Harker Heights this weekend, though some proceeds will go to the memorial fund. A bartender who works just blocks from Luby's said it was ten hours before she heard of the killings, and then only when a customer jokingly invited her to dinner there.

New information about George Hennard, the killer, continues to surface, though the police have yet to establish exactly what triggered his rampage. An aggressive, woman-hating loner from Belton, 17 miles from Killeen, his alarming conduct was twice reported to police in recent months and in July 1989 he was treated for drug dependency at a Houston hospital.

Judy Beach, a neighbour reported Hennard last May after he screamed abuse at her for no reason. In June, Jane Bugg, another neighbour, reported him after he sent a rambling letter to her daughters in which he called women treacherous vipers.

Hennard joined the navy at 18, left it in 1977, joined the merchant marine in 1981 but left that too in 1989 after being found with marijuana on board ship. He was subsequently treated in hospital. Several past acquaintances have spoken of his hatred of women.

Soviet Germans get Volga land pledge

From MARY DEBEVSKY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Gorbachev promised yesterday that Soviet ethnic Germans would regain their homeland on the Volga from where they were ruthlessly deported as "traitors" during the second world war. He gave the pledge in a message to the first ever congress of Soviet Germans, which opened with much fanfare yesterday in Moscow.

The man chosen to convey Mr Gorbachev's message to the congress was Aleksandr Yakovlev, his close aide, who is believed to have argued from an early stage for the independence of the Baltic states. The 2,000 congress delegates, representing more than two million ethnic Germans from all over the Soviet Union, were greeted by folk song and dance groups and a brass band on their arrival at the central Moscow cinema for their congress yesterday morning. Stalls sold German books and newspapers, and illustrated brochures showed the help Soviet Germans were receiving from Germany.

The congress was originally scheduled for late spring, but was postponed because of a conflict between the two groups set up to represent ethnic Germans. One seeks the re-establishment of the Volga German homeland as a self-governing region, while the other insists that the suffering of Germans in the Soviet Union and their dispersal make the reconstitution of a homeland in Russia impossible. The main German settlements are in Omsk in Siberia and Kazakhstan.

During the summer, the groups settled their differences, but the rival folk ensembles performing simultaneously within earshot of each other yesterday showed that the conflict was still alive. But both groups applauded when a senior German official said that Soviet



Yakovlev: delivered the presidential promise

Germans continued to cap the right to settle in Germany. A small demonstration on the side of the hall gave a foretaste of the problems that Soviet Germans would experience on returning to the Volga. Demonstrators, representing those Russians who settled in the region after the deportation of the Germans, carried placards reading, "You have two homelands, we have one", and "There is no many on the Volga."

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European leaders agree to keep US nuclear weapons

FROM MICHAEL EVANS IN TAORMINA, SICILY

SEVEN European countries yesterday gave a firm pledge to continue basing American nuclear weapons on their territory, keeping alive Nato's 40-year policy of sharing responsibility for manning nuclear weapons.

Manfred Wörner, the Nato secretary-general, indicated that the commitment could last for ever. Speaking after a two-day meeting of defence ministers in the nuclear planning group, he said: "We're still confronted by a world where there are many nuclear weapons left... so I don't foresee a situation when we will denuclearise Europe."

His vision of a Europe that

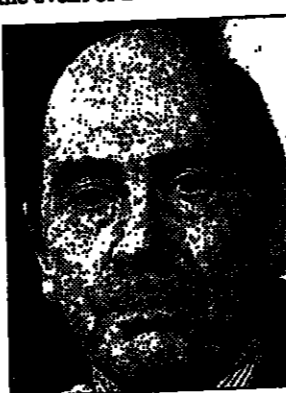
would always have nuclear weapons was spelt out after the decision was taken to cut Nato's stockpile of tactical missiles, nuclear artillery shells and air-launched bombs by 80 per cent. The ground-launched systems are being eliminated and the air-launched bombs will be cut by 50 per cent. The remaining 700 American nuclear bombs will be shared between Britain, Germany, Italy, Greece, The Netherlands, Turkey and Belgium. Weapons on British soil will stay where they are.

At a time when so much attention is being paid to building a stronger European

defence identity, the long-term commitment to carry American nuclear bombs on allied aircraft will be reassuring for alliance members, such as Britain, which feel strongly about retaining the transatlantic link. This point was underlined repeatedly by Richard Cheney, the American defence secretary, and Tom King, his British counterpart, at yesterday's press conference when they were asked about the proposed setting up of a Franco-German corps. Mr Cheney said whatever steps were taken to develop a European security identity, it should not "undermine or weaken" the present Nato structure.

Herr Wörner said that none of the countries which had always taken their share of nuclear systems had shown any inclination to drop out. The American bombs are carried on national air force bombers as well as US bombers. Herr Wörner said: "All the nations who have such weapon systems have indicated they want to continue in this role."

General John Galvin, the American supreme allied commander in Europe, has been asked to work out how many nuclear bombs should be assigned to each country. France, Denmark, Spain, Portugal, Luxembourg, Norway and Iceland are not involved in the nuclear share-out. British officials confirmed that General Galvin would still have a number of American ballistic missile submarines assigned to his command in the event of a war.



Wörner: commitment could last for ever

Eight republics sign Gorbachev's economic treaty

FROM MARY DEJEVSKY IN MOSCOW

AFTER two months of procrastination, eight of the remaining 12 Soviet republics yesterday signed the formal economic treaty, which President Gorbachev hopes will prevent the further disintegration of the union and lay the foundation for a new federal state. Despite the magnificence of the surroundings of the Kremlin's St George's Hall and a champagne toast, however, the ceremony was perfunctory in the extreme and Mr Gorbachev displayed barely a hint of satisfaction.

After the eight republic leaders had seated themselves at a round table, Mr Gorbachev welcomed them and said: "The ice has started to break. We've passed a very difficult stage." The text of the treaty was then passed round to be signed, starting with Levon Ter-Petrosyan, the Armenian president, who last week won a resounding victory in the republic's presidential elections. The Russian leader, Boris Yeltsin, smiling broadly, waited until he was certain the cameras were on him before signing with a

flourish. Mr Gorbachev signed last. At a press conference afterwards, the Soviet president emphasised the need for agreement and consensus (by which he meant the support of the population). "Without consensus," he said, "all our plans will be frustrated and reforms will be stalled."

Nursultan Nazarbayev, the leader of Kazakhstan, who hosted a preliminary meeting on the treaty three weeks ago, attended by 12 republics, said: "Our ship has not foundered and we now have dry land beneath our feet." All signatories expressed confidence that the agreement would enable the country to survive the coming winter.

Negotiations on the working had continued until close to the scheduled signing time and the Ukraine and Azerbaijan decided at the last moment not to sign. Georgia and Moldova, which have stated their intention of seeking independence, had long made known their intention not to participate in any new economic or political union.



Disappearing hemlines: Karl Lagerfeld's 1992 collection, shown in Paris yesterday, featured an ultra-short strappy tunic in navy and cream braided stripes, left, a black bodysuit worn with a flower-printed half-leopard over tights, and a gun-metal corselet with matching tights. Lagerfeld's commitment to high hem-



lines, or indeed just a pair of tights worn with no skirt at all, is as strong a trend as ever (Liz Smith writes from Paris). He opened his show with a whole group of gun-metal Lycra corselets, bikinis and bodysuits. The latter garments, half-shirt and half-leopard, reappeared later in the collection in the flowered chiffon form



with matching diaphanous scarf skirts. Lagerfeld knows, of course, that most of his customers will not be running around in their underwear next year. The collection has plenty of pretty bell-skirted dresses and jackets that are fitted into the waist to curve out over the hips. Shirt jackets are cinched sharply with a belt. All



are worn with his new long flared skirts in black or white chiffon under which can be seen a short skirt. The shadow play of sheer and solid fabrics ran through the collection with chiffon lapels and pocket flaps on plain wool jackets and lengths of transparent fabric draped as a softening touch to a tailored coat dress.

Serbs scupper EC proposal for looser Yugoslav alliance

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN THE HAGUE

A EUROPEAN Community plan for a loose-knit grouping of Yugoslav republics was flatly rejected by the Serbian leadership yesterday as the EC's tenth ceasefire was ignored by both sides in Croatia.

A new constitutional design to link together the six republics which make up Yugoslavia was unveiled yesterday by Lord Carrington, the chairman of the EC peace conference, and Hans van den Broek, the Dutch foreign minister. Slobodan Milosevic, the president of Serbia, promptly objected to the blueprint. "These proposals do not only disrupt the internal constitutional continuity of Yugoslavia, but also abolish Yugoslavia itself," he said, adding that only the Yugoslav peoples could decide to end the life of their own state. Four

pro-Serb members of the federal presidency walked out of the conference meeting before it ended.

Mr Milosevic said later that he was not barring further discussion of the proposed EC constitution but he said that Serbia could not accept everything in the document. The conference will continue at a more technical level next week, turning yesterday's proposals into treaty language.

The other five republics agreed to use the EC plan. "I have the feeling that at last we have established a good basis for future work," Mr van den Broek said. Lord Carrington said that the conference had gone backwards last Monday but that yesterday it had taken a "cautious step forwards".

The EC plan tries to build

strong safeguards for the rights of minorities within a set of six largely independent republics whose borders would be unchanged from the present. Serbia is denied its key demand that the Serb majority in Krajina and eastern Slavonia be granted a degree of self-government which would allow it to join Serbia.

The Serbs would, however, have considerable autonomy and a formidable array of legal protections inside an independent Croatia. The EC paper envisages a "free association" of "sovereign and independent republics". Existing borders would only be changed by agreement.

The conference also heard a joint statement, issued jointly by the EC, America and the Soviet Union, urging an end to hostilities.

Swiss bottle up key issues before polls

FROM ALAN MCGREGOR IN GENEVA

THE mood of this weekend's general election in Switzerland has been aptly captured in a newspaper cartoon: it portrays the public as a wine taster with a row of bottles representing the political parties. Holding up a glass to the light, the cartoon character says with a frown, "No colour, no bouquet - and no taste".

Although the country is at a critical crossroads regarding the eventual membership of the European Community and the inherent implications of its traditional neutrality, the Swiss are going to the polls with hardly a word being said. The issue has been tacitly avoided by the four-party coalition government and parliament, each in the throes of protracted indecision.

The same reticence applies to the increasing numbers of political asylum seekers -

with this year's total approaching 50,000. Even if fewer than 5 per cent are absorbed, all are assured of free food and shelter for at least six months while their applications are considered.

In spite of growing public concern about refugees, the environment, drug abuse, Aids (with the highest incidence in Europe), inflation, rising unemployment, soaring rents and health costs, the election campaign has been bland. Only the fringe parties have tried to rock the boat.

The weekly *Weltwoche* said: "At the midst of a decisive juncture [on the EC issue] Swiss voters move listlessly and gloomily to the polls." A stake are 200 seats in the lower house and 46 seats in the state council. The ruling coalition is assured of a safe parliamentary majority.

East-bloc elite emerge from shadows

BY POLISH standards, the demonstration was a routine and rather mild mannered: a few hundred women were chanting slogans in favour of liberal abortion laws across the road from a pro-life rally staged by Catholic activists. But among the pro-abortion marchers there was an unusual celebrity - Monika Jaruzelski, aged 27, the daughter of the general who ten years ago imposed martial law and banned Solidarity.

Slowly the children of the East European communist elite are emerging from the privileged shadows. Known as the "red aristocracy", they were the closest communism ever came to a royal family. Frequent shopping trips to the West, a smooth passage through university and academic sinecures after graduation,

Children of communism's deposed leaders are struggling to find their feet, Roger Boyes writes from Warsaw

rent concern is to win permission to buy land and build houses in the hometown of his executed parents.

Zoe, too, has not been shy in demanding compensation for being sacked from her job as the director of the institute of science and technical progress. The job, indeed the whole institute, was created for Zoe to take her mind off fast cars and unsuitable boyfriends.

Enver Hoxha's children still cling to their positions and privileges, but the grip is looking more tenuous by the day. Sokol Hoxha, the eldest son of the late Albanian dictator, is the last of the clan

to hold a senior state position. He works at the telecommunications ministry, the one ministry which has not removed portraits of his father. Sokol's wife, Lijana, is deputy director of the Albanian state news agency, ATA.

The second son of the dictator, Iliaz, heads the central research institute and his wife, Tania, runs Albania's museums. The key to understanding the survival of the Hoxha dynasty is Tania - she is the niece of President Alija, the current Albanian leader.

For many disgraced leaders, family is all that is left, the last circle of loyalty. Evgenia Zhivkov, granddaughter of the Bulgarian dictator, Todor, tries to protect his reputation or at least his privacy in a heavily guarded mansion on the fringes of Sofia.

Ozal faces election defeat

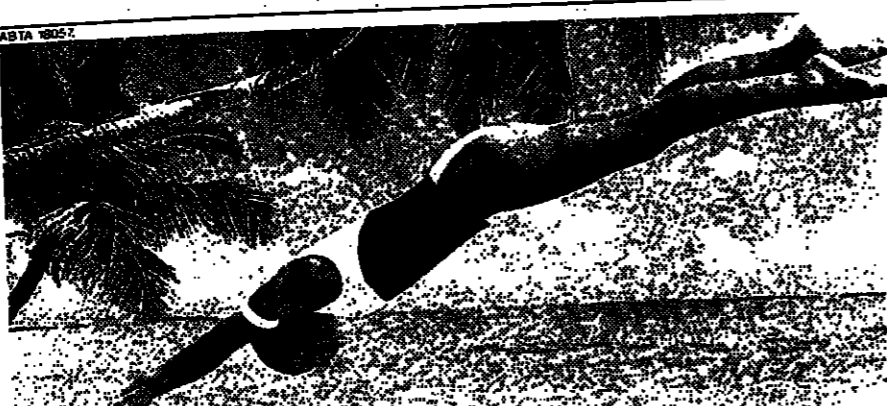
FROM ANDREW FINKEL IN ISTANBUL

TURKEY'S 30 million voters appear ready in tomorrow's general election to vote out President Ozal's Motherland party, which has been in office since the military relinquished power in 1983.

The determination of voters to bring down the government does not, however, appear matched by enthusiasm for any alternative. "For the first time I haven't the slightest idea how to vote," an Istanbul architect said.

Under an excessively complex system of proportional representation, a party needs at least 20 per cent of the vote to qualify for seats in any one constituency. The Motherland party's lingering hope is that people will remember it as the party of Turkey's economic transformation and that it might win if support for other parties is evenly divided.

As well as being blamed for the current high rate of inflation, the Motherland party is being hurt by a reputation for arbitrary and corrupt government which the opposition and much of the press attribute to the family and retinue of Mr Ozal.



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Canada strikes the only sour note amid unaccustomed harmony of Commonwealth leaders

No fuss as sanctions issue is laid to rest

FROM JAN RAATH AND ROBIN OAKLEY IN HARARE

COMMONWEALTH leaders appear to have disposed of the South African sanctions issue with a minimum of fuss before leaving for their weekend retreat at the Victoria Falls.

Shortly before closing the week's working sessions at the Commonwealth heads of government meeting yesterday, P.V. Narasimha Rao, the Indian prime minister, said that "virtually all" the members had endorsed the phased lifting of sanctions put forward by the meeting of foreign ministers in Delhi in September. He said the heads of government had agreed unanimously that people-to-people sanctions, the first phase, covering restrictions on visas and links in culture, science and sports, should be lifted immediately. But there was

less clarity about the second phase, covering trade and investment sanctions, and the third, involving finance.

Before he flew out of Harare yesterday, Nelson Mandela, the African National Congress leader, addressed at least four press conferences. He refused at all of them to be drawn on the substance of the talks he had held with individual heads of government.

Observers believe, however, that Mr Mandela has concentrated on making contacts to pave the way for international firms to invest in South Africa. British sources believe that the ANC has been impressed by John Major's argument that, by insisting on the maintenance of sanctions until the moment an interim government is formed, they would effectively be maintaining sanctions against themselves, given the long time lag between investment decisions and the provision of jobs.

Diplomatic sources said informal weekend discussions on sanctions would be devoted to working out a simpler trigger mechanism for the lifting of financial and trade and investment sanctions. They confirmed that a modified version of the Delhi formula was likely to emerge, along the lines of ANC proposals that would allow both to be lifted simultaneously. Mr Mandela appears not to

have gone into any substantive detail on sanctions in his private meetings with the leaders of Britain, Canada or Australia, leaving that to

Thabo Mbeki, the ANC's secretary for external affairs. But it was clear that the South African issue, although not yet fully settled, has aroused little or no controversy, and has reached the end of its life as a divisive factor in Commonwealth affairs. "It's being pursued in a very, very low-key, quiet way," a British official said.

Speeches at the summit have placed a stronger emphasis on human rights in the Commonwealth now that President de Klerk's apartheid reforms have removed much of the basis for criticism of Pretoria. Mr Rao said Commonwealth leaders "welcomed the substantial progress that has been achieved in South Africa".

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Mulroney rebukes Mugabe

BRIAN Mulroney, the Canadian prime minister, delivered a sharp rebuke to President Mugabe of Zimbabwe, his host, before returning to Canada last night (Jan Raath writes).

"I gather we have a couple of war victims here," he said at a press conference, referring to a number of journalists who were caught up in the tear gas that has wracked the campus of the University of Zimbabwe for the past two days as police clashed with students throwing stones.

"This was a most unpleasant and unacceptable kind of situation," he said. Demonstrations were "a necessary kind of democracy" but in fledgling democracies they were seen "as an indication of weakness".

The Canadian prime minister's sharp words will come as a shock to President Mugabe, who has enjoyed a warm friendship with Mr Mulroney in the past, and usually refers to him as "Brian" rather than the remote "Mr Mulroney".



No brass hat: the Duke of Edinburgh talking to trainees yesterday in a command dug-out at the British Army's Mozambique training team camp at Nyanga, Zimbabwe

UK calls for targets on ozone

Harare — John Major has come up with a new plan for controlling emissions of the so-called greenhouse gases that are contributing to the warming of the Earth's atmosphere.

Speaking in the environment debate at the 28th Commonwealth heads of government meeting here, the prime minister proposed that developing nations should set themselves targets for restricting the increase in their gas discharges to 1 or 2 per cent below their rate of economic growth. According to British officials who briefed the media after the closed session, he said Britain would do its part by undertaking to cut its own emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2005.

Mr Major urged Commonwealth colleagues to prepare for next year's United Nations conference on the environment in Rio de Janeiro. He said he would look to that conference for a new global convention on the environment, "with teeth", to set targets and penalties. (AFP)



Rao: people-to-people sanctions to go at once

Giant machine cast into melting pot

THE future of the world's biggest scientific machine, the \$8.25 billion (£4.8 billion) superconducting supercollider is in doubt as a result of Japan telling the United States to look elsewhere for funds.

After two days of talks in Tokyo, during which Allan Bromley, President Bush's science adviser, pressed the Japanese to commit \$1.7 billion to the supercollider, the answer yesterday was no. "Japan cannot co-operate financially on the supercollider because it is channelling funds into its own domestic basic research programmes," Akiko Santo, director-general of the Science and Technology Agency said. She added that Japan had made its position clear.

Despite the rebuff, Dr Bromley said that Mr Bush would raise the issue when he visited Japan next month, by which time Japan is expected to have a new prime minister. The ruling Liberal Democratic party meets on October 25 to select a new leader, likely to be Kiichi Miyazawa, a veteran politician.

The supercollider would encircle the Texas town of Waxahatchie, near Dallas, with a 54-mile tunnel through which protons would be accelerated in opposite directions and then collide, splitting them into subatomic particles. The project has so far survived congressional opposition only by promising that a third of its cost would come from non-federal funds. Texas

Tokyo is refusing to give \$1.7bn to help America fund a key science project, writes Nigel Hawkes

has promised \$1 billion, leaving another \$1.7 billion to be found. Europe is building its own machine, so no succour is possible there. India has promised \$50 million, a drop in the ocean. Both Japan and the Soviet Union have made vague pledges, but neither has produced any actual cash. The chances that the Soviet Union ever will are considered slim.

To tempt the Japanese, who complain that they are being asked to join a project designed entirely by Americans, Dr Bromley offered "co-owner" status in the Tokyo talks. Japan, however, is under pressure from scientists at home to increase spending: a report published yesterday by the education ministry said that universities needed more funds to retain their younger researchers.

Without Japanese money, the supercollider faces a fight for survival. Already its huge cost has forced cutbacks in other research plans, including the abandonment of an experiment in fusion power. The energy department, which is behind the project, nonetheless appears determined to protect it from cuts.

Norland nani-sans gird up for Japan

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO

Just as the Albert Memorial has long been a favourite spot for London's Norland Nannies to park their prams and swap tales about their charges, the grounds of the Meiji shrine in Tokyo may soon become the meeting place and gossip centre for a new breed of primly uniformed Japanese pram-pushers known as *norlando nani-san*.

Mitsunori Dozono, of the Shukutoku vocational school in Tokyo, intends to set up Japan's first professional nanny training college. Pandering to the Japanese weakness for foreign brand names, he has chosen the Norland Nanny as his prototype.

"I gather that the Norland Nanny is the Rolls-Royce of the nanny world," he said. "I recently saw a Japanese television programme called *How to make an English gentleman*. The secret, as I am sure you already know, is to engage a Norland Nanny."

Mr Dozono may be teetering on the verge of make-believe if he is thinking of cloning members of the British aristocracy. Japan's privileged young Master Yasushi is unlikely to be

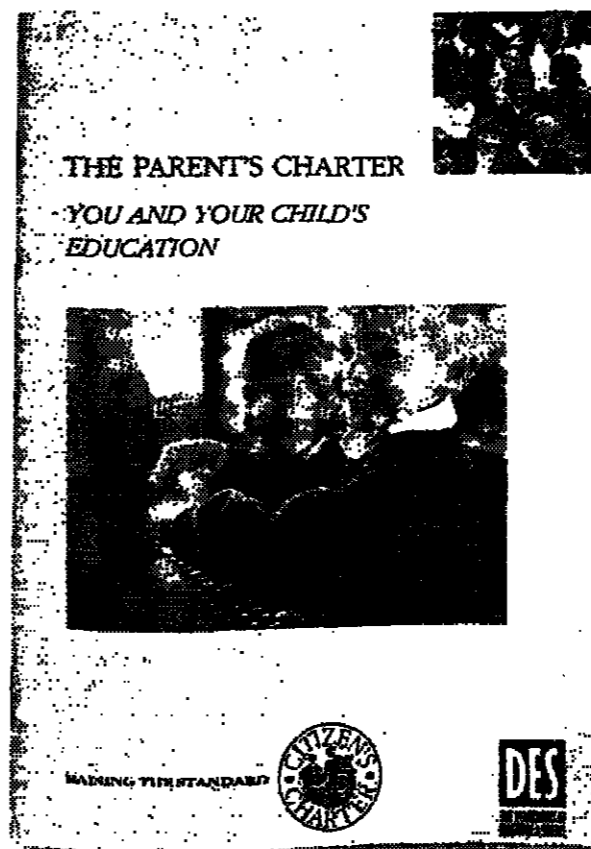
down for Eton, nor lucky enough to have a kindly butler to play conkers with.

Mr Dozono has, however, learnt all about the formidable Nanny Everest who was responsible for nurturing the young Winston Churchill through his formative years. With an awesomely starchy *norlando nani-san* patrolling Master Yasushi's nursery, there will be no more clowning around with the noodles at high tea.

Louise Davis, principal of the Norland College, Britain's breeding ground of nannies to the elite, has been in Tokyo this week advising Mr Dozono on the rudiments of Norland nannying. His students will be taught along the same lines as Mrs Davis's girls, under licence and using the 99-year-old Norland name.

Some might argue that the Japanese are already over-nannied. There is no doubt, however, that the arrival of the *norlando nani-san* will ease the burden of Japan's nascent band of career women, who are slowly and bravely fighting their way towards the boardrooms of the nation's mighty corporate sector.

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Clifford Longley

Freedom itself demands the infidel's conversion

The Council of Christians and Jews has protested at the prospect of the Church of England seeking to convert members of other faiths — Jews in particular — to Christianity. In a letter to *The Times* on Tuesday, the executive director of the council, the Rev Jim Richardson, and Michael Latham MP, a council member, insisted that relations between faiths should be based on equal dialogue — and it was a condition of dialogue that no religion should claim to have a monopoly of truth.

What sparked off this protest was news of an "open letter", signed by leading Anglican conservatives, Evangelicals and Anglo-Catholics, attacking the practice of inter-faith worship such as the annual Commonwealth Day Service of Observance in Westminster Abbey. It argued that the church should not be shy of trying to convert members of non-Christian faiths.

The target of the open letter and the campaign is not, in the first instance, the Jewish community, nor any other non-Christian group, but those in the Church of England who are against, or unsure about, converting anybody to anything. In spite of it being a church which spent enormous efforts in the 19th century evangelising the British Empire, it is not uncommon to find a widespread, even predominant, view that "those days are over". Liberal Anglicans are uncomfortable with the notion, quoted in the open letter, that Jesus Christ is "the only saviour and hope of mankind".

British Jews are concerned by the prospect of Christian evangelism, not least because they have had collective memories of Christian mass conversion as a form of persecution. Judaism is not a proselytising religion and Jews tend to ask, therefore, why other religions cannot be content, as they are, with what they have.

The controversy is rife with cross-purposes. But the issue is not whether Christians have truly renounced antisemitism, whether Jews need to be converted to Christianity to be "saved", or whether the God Jews and Muslims worship is the "same" God that Christians worship. The real issue is what is meant by evangelism, proselytism and conversion; and the acceptable limits in practice.

The ideological market-place aspect of Western secular democratic society is not only one of its most attractive features (to Western secular democrats, at least), but is also essential to its proper functioning. It is necessarily an argumentative society, where each has his market stall, crying his wares. This applies to politics, art and science, and it must apply to religion, too.

Those who hold strong views have the privilege — which verges on a duty — to advance or defend them. To deny people the right to believe that their religion has a monopoly of truth, and to persuade others accordingly, is to infringe their religious freedom. Nobody should be offended by the claim: "My religion is better than yours".

Not everybody has to spend all day saying so, however: it can be done through institutions and by proxy. But the health of a society like Britain requires that somewhere there should be someone whose business it is to demonstrate to any who ask why Roman Catholicism, say, is a false religion; or Islam a true one, and vice versa.

But there are three conditions necessary for keeping the religious peace: respect for intellectual and emotional freedom, respect for personal privacy, and avoidance of insult.

There is no place for coercion in religion (to paraphrase the Koran). Religious coercion against freedom of conscience can take the gross form of a threat of dire consequences, or the more subtle (but not necessarily less effective) one of psychological pressure.

Religious intrusion into personal privacy can arise from unwelcome persistence, the use of false pretences, or inappropriateness of timing and method such as occasions of grief or distress. But provided these three criteria for the etiquette of proselytism are met, there can be no objection to the effort of proselytism itself. To say otherwise is to reject a free society, and to insist that Christianity should become a closed system, something it is not.

The Times Book of Clifford Longley, a selection of recent articles, is published by HarperCollins.

Peter Lewis on the literary row raging over the publication of a new biography of George Orwell

Whose life was it anyway?

Biography is such a booming business that George Orwell, whose dying request in 1950 was to have none, is now on his second "authorised" biography in 11 years. Already, sniping has broken out between the rival camps. Bernard Crick (*George Orwell: A Life*, 1980) has complained that Michael Shelden (*Orwell*, published on Monday) did not even approach him for information — "a breach of literary and scholarly manners".

Both authors are professors, Crick at London, Shelden at Indiana State. Shelden's introduction calls Crick's biography a large collection of facts by which "he keeps a safe distance between himself and his subject". Crick argued that it is impossible to understand another person's inner life, which is therefore better avoided. Shelden's response: "To pretend that Orwell's inner

life is secondary to events in his public life is to reduce him to the level of a dry functionary." Crick, for his part, has described Shelden's book as "lumpy".

An enjoyable literary duel seems to be underway. The tangle arises because of a woman; it began with Orwell's deathbed marriage, in the last stages of tuberculosis, to Sonia Brownell, who ruled the Orwell estate as his literary executor for 30 years until her own death in 1980. She guarded Orwell's works ferociously, driving off would-be adapters, film-makers and biographers. Orwell's friends, such as Anthony Powell, restricted themselves to brief, reminiscent essays. Sonia established the Orwell archive at

University College, London, and co-edited Orwell's *Collected Essays, Journalism and Letters*. That, she said, was all the biography she needed.

Nevertheless, attempts to write Orwell's life continued, although she refused to quote his writing. "If you try to write a proper biography, I shall stop you," she told me, when I was preparing (with her co-operation) an illustrated book on Orwell that had no such pretensions. She finally chose Crick to write an "official" life, but disliked and disowned his book, and tried to stop its publication. Orwell first met her in 1945 when she was Cyril Connolly's assistant (and editor in absentia)

on *Horizon*. His wife, Eileen, had died unexpectedly in 1943 leaving him with Richard, their adopted baby son. He needed a wife, and Sonia was one of three women to whom he proposed, and who all refused at that time. Although Orwell made her the model for Julia in *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, he did not see much more of her until 1949, when he was back in England and in hospital. This time, when he begged her to marry him, she agreed. Between then and his death, three months later, he never left his room at University College Hospital.

Shelden, aged 40, is a specialist in London literary life of the 1930s and 1940s. "Sonia was peripheral to Orwell's career,

and I think she later exaggerated her place in his life," he says. "She was quite wrong to appropriate the name of Orwell, a *nom de plume* which belonged only to him. He remained Eric Blair and that was her name by marrying him. But what sort of attention would she have got as 'Sonia Blair'? She made no effort to be a mother to Richard."

Having adopted the name but not the son, Sonia has been made out by Shelden — or so her friends allege — to have married Orwell for mercenary motives. Shelden writes: "She did not love Orwell and had doubts about the merits of his work, but knew that if they married, she would have money and a good

cause to fight for." He denies accusing her of gold-digging, he rather sees her as a lion-hunter. "She had turned him down earlier, but when he was famous and about to become rich she found it easier to accept him. Also, he was so ill that she felt she couldn't say no, and she sincerely wanted to help him stay alive."

Shelden also believes Sonia slanted the popular impression of Orwell when editing his essays and letters. "She withheld many of his political writings, which she didn't think important. She also deleted parts of his letters which show his lively interest in sex. They counteract the common picture of him as the man in a hair shirt. In general, Sonia was pretending to have the last word on Orwell."

Peter Ackroyd reviews Orwell, by Michael Shelden, published by Heinemann (£18.50), in the *Saturday Review*, page 44.

No treasures in an empty box

Despite the controversy over Margaret Thatcher's intervention in the great Channel 3 debate, the fact remains that we all spend too much time watching the box, which, since we've all become idiotic, is no longer known as the idiot's lantern. So the time has come to ask ourselves what precisely we get out of it.

I plead as guilty as the next man to excessive gawping. The adenooidal gulch was, in the late Fifties, my response to the rediscovery of civilisation after some years in Malaysian kampongs. I was often asked what kind of television we had "out there" and was met by incredulity when I replied that there was, as yet, none. Even in the old black-and-white two-channel days, there was an assumption in the West that the amenity was essential to the full life. Indeed, the need had long antedated its satisfaction. Is there not a television system in Robert Green's play *Friar Bacon and Friar Bungay*, first produced in the 1590s?

For more than two years, as television critic for the now defunct *Listener*, I was glad to ally the guilt of excessive gawping by reminding myself that I was being paid for it. Leaving Britain for good in 1968, I was freeing myself from the seduction of three colour channels. I did not think I would be any longer seducible, for I would be an outcast at the feast of alien cultures. But I was soon addicted to high-licking *Canzonissima* on Radiotelevisione Italiana. Language was no real barrier. It soon seemed natural to hear Gary Cooper entering a salon with, "Ciao, ragazzi".

In Monaco, the television feast was multinational, with all of France and Italy pounding in over the notional frontiers. Lengthy stays in the United States revealed that vast regions were ascetically provided with only a single channel, although New York's provisions were so rich as to provoke genuine illness: the old movies that one had to see come on in the early hours of the morning and the rhythms of regular sleep were dangerously disrupted.

At present I spend much of my time in southern Switzerland, where there are uncountable channels in four languages, to say nothing of dialects. It is all



A generation ago, television was the wonder of the age. Now, says Anthony Burgess, its appeal is ephemeral and fleeting

too much. I also spend odd months in my native country searching out an honourable grave. Viewing goes on, but there is little of the relief of a return to my own language: I hear far too much unintelligible yobspeak. But I have to concede that Britain's is the best television you are likely to get, though praising it reminds me of the damned in Ezra Pound's *Cantos* who praise one kind of human excrement at the expense of another.

The truth is that what we call television is not television at all. There was once talk of the Art of Television, meaning the exploitation of accepted limitations. The parallel was the Art of Radio, which genuinely flourished in the 1930s: an ambitious expressionism which owed much to the Weimar Republic. The television play no longer exists: the television film, an impoverished relation of hyper-trophic cinema, follows cine-

gramophones were hand-wound and fade-outs were accomplished by gently shutting doors. Early television was live, and there was the faint thrill of knowing that lines could be muffled and things could go wrong. Characters could not change their clothes. A door could be opened to disclose a staring camera. There was the sense of limitation without which no art can properly be said to exist.

Nowadays, television is a poor sister of film. With the advent of the video cassette recorder, it has become possible to regard one's television set as the dispenser of the materials of one's personal film museum. The television play no longer exists: the television film, an impoverished relation of hyper-trophic cinema, follows cine-

matic rules. But the experience of watching film on television is mean and lacks a sense of occasion. It is too easy: one lolls in one's slippers and shirt-sleeves instead of sitting with others in a wet raincoat. This domestication of the cinema diminishes a great medium. We see one film, yawn, and at once demand another. We zap, and we do not sufficiently zap off.

I do not deny that I have learnt things from television — chiefly about animals — but I have not, when I consider the hours I have given to it, learnt nearly enough. There has not been one single television revelation to compare with, say, the first hearing of *L'après-midi d'un faune* or the first reading of *A Handful of Dust*. The cramming of each minute of the day and night with viewable material ensures that no transmission shall be particularly

important. Everything is levelled down to easy eye-fodder; we are not encouraged to discriminate.

In its first days — I am not referring to such events as that transmission on the Baird system of Pirandello's *The Man with the Flower in his Mouth*, which I saw in 1932; I am going back merely to the 1950s — one was addressed directly by the medium. Orwell's *Nineteen Eighty-Four* reproduces the condition of 1948, when old ladies were shy of undressing before that seeing eye. At least there was a sense of rapport. To have lugged the victim of IRA bullets into the studio and shown him, as it were, dead live, would have been shocking and violently condemned by Parliament, but at least it would have been a television act. These days we see coloured film of the victims of every conceivable atrocity, and

its epistemological impact is that of an after-shave commercial. Death is entertainment because it is processed as entertainment: film is manipulable and hence fictional.

A few years ago I met a Hollywood producer who was convinced that BBC television transmitted a Shakespeare or Chekhov play once a week, showed the odd documentary of a potter's wheel, dealt briefly with the news, and then lapsed into blankness. It was a false memory of the 1950s and a response to the blaring, glaring TV diet of Los Angeles. But some of us can recollect a time when television sets had doors which were ritually opened on an occasional evening and closed at the hour of the sleep-inducing malted drink.

Commercialisation has disposed of the genteel era of limited viewing. The filling of the day and night with material so mediocre that it imparts artistic value to commercials is imposed on the BBC because the BBC has been taught to believe it has entered the competitive market. It is up to the viewer to learn discrimination, but this is different when homogeneity of value — and, it increasingly seems, of content — animates the programmers.

The answer is to keep the thing switched off until a re-run of *The Birth of a Nation* or *Metropolis* is announced. Even then, of course, television will be behaving, not as itself, but as a mere servant of a greater medium. Or perhaps *Parade's End* by Ford Madox Ford (made in 1964) will emerge from the BBC2 archives: that was television serving literature, a wholly laudable action. I think we have to liquidate the notion of the TV evening. We seem to have forgotten that there are other things to do. We can listen to a concert on Radio 3, read, make love, play the piano or the guitar. The trouble is that we have become afraid of missing something on the box.

In fact, we are missing nothing. We get more news from newspapers and more entertainment from library books. Television has to exist, but it does not have to enslave us. But then, the franchise winners are the real slaves.

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...and moreover

PHILIP HOWARD

In a contemplative fashion, and a tranquil frame of mind, free from every kind of passion, some solution let us find. Let us grasp the situation, solve the complicated plot, quiet, calm deliberation disentangles every knot.

But things don't work like that, neither in real life nor in opera. I suppose that in a perfect republic, politics and newspapers would be run by pure logic, free from every kind of passion and fallacy. In fact, our world runs on emotion, passion, muddle, fallacy, confusion and downright lies. A formal fallacy is a mathematical error in deductive logic, in which the conclusion does not necessarily follow from the premises: the Tories believe in privatisation of national assets as a principle, therefore they are going to privatise the National Health Service. That is a non sequitur, with touches of other kinds of informal fallacy.

Populist politics and journalism would come to a halt if all kinds of informal fallacy were banned. And the world would be a duller place. Nevertheless, in the hurly burly of public and private debate, we should try to keep a grip on our logic, and our eyes open for fallacies. For example, at all the party conferences we have just been treated to an orgy of the fallacy of slanting, that is, deliberately omitting, playing down, or exaggerating certain points to the exclusion of others, in order to

hide evidence which is important and relevant to the conclusion of an argument. The fallacy of systematic slanting is a definition of party politics and editorials in the less expensive papers. You can hear it every day, passim, in arguments about the NHS and the economy. Without slanting, the public relations and advertising industries would have no occupation left. And there is no point in crying "good riddance". We live in the real world, not Utopia.

We have had a virulent epidemic of the tu quoque fallacy on both sides of the Atlantic lately. You know the kind of argument. He is quite unfitted to be DPP because he was kerb-crawling. He is quite unfitted to be a high court judge, because it was alleged he went in for sexual harassment. Both statements may be pragmatically and politically true. It depends on the circumstances and extent of the kerb-crawling and sexual harassment. But the argument is messy and political, human not logical. Neither statement follows logically from its premiss.

The tu quoque consists of producing evidence that a person's actions are not consistent with what he is arguing. "He tells us that we must have no pay rise for the next year, but he has just got himself a new Rolls Royce." Directors' pay rises have produced a pox of tu quoques and plain envy. But neither the tu quoque nor the envy logically destroys the argument about

how we should get out of the recession. Another form of the tu quoque is to argue that a person's views are inconsistent with what he previously believed, and therefore (a) he is not to be trusted and/or (b) his new view must logically be rejected. "Freda Bullfrog was passionately against European federation when she was standing for Parliament. Now she is passionately for it. How can you trust someone who has changed her mind on such an important issue? Her present position is inconsistent with her former view, and therefore we should commit it to the flames."

Sometimes the tu quoque is related to the fallacy of two wrongs making a right. "The Tory tabloid press goes in for character assassination and lying. Therefore you should not condemn the Labour tabloid press for doing the same." It is the "therefore" that is logically dodgy in that sentence. If we were all absolutely logical in our words and deeds, we should be inhuman, and insufferable robots of rationality.

The fallacy of the red herring shifts the argument sideways. "You believe in abortion, so why don't you support the euthanasia bill to allow people to die with dignity?" Logic, like whisky, loses its beneficial effect when taken in too large quantities. Humankind cannot bear very much logic. But it is a useful tool for keeping an eye on those rascally politicians and jour-

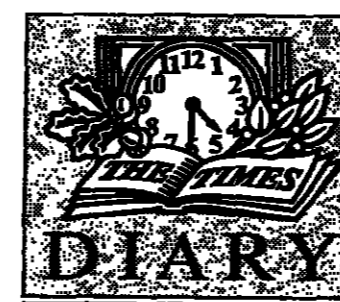
Table d'hate

IF, AS expected, James Baker succeeds in getting the different parties to agree to a Middle East peace conference in Madrid, his problems will only just be beginning. The US Secretary of State knows that, after eight months of painstaking shuttle diplomacy, the success or failure of the initiative could well have more to do with what in diplomatic speak are known as "modalities" than the grander sweeps of geo-politics.

Modalities include such burning questions as: will the negotiating table be round or square? Who will speak first? Who goes last? Will there be alcohol on the lunch-time menu? Will the Arab delegates be able to face Mecca? Then, of course, most tricky of all, who sits next to whom?

The history of diplomacy suggests that it is on such questions that success stands or falls. In January 1972 the Vietnam peace talks in Paris nearly foundered over the seating arrangements and, indeed, the shape of the table. The day was saved by compromising on an oval table which was then separated into four distinct sections, so the North and South Vietnamese delegates could be satisfied that they were not sitting next to each other.

Michael Leiter, Professor of International Relations at the London School of Economics, says: "Although these things may seem ridiculous, and perhaps they are, they have symbolic significance. All governments are still playing to domestic considerations."



conference room to the Palestinians in the occupied territories. Baker will be hoping the conference goes more smoothly than the Arab League Summit in Cairo shortly after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. That ended with food and dinner plates flying through the air, and with a tearful Kuwaiti foreign minister being helped from the room after being struck by a lamb kebab thrown by his Iraqi counterpart.

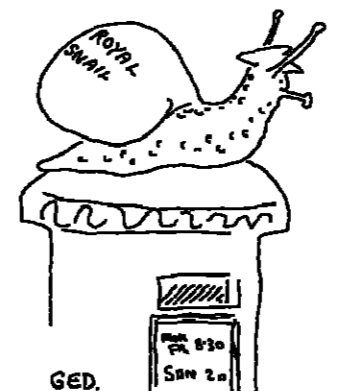
● A civic delegation from Kustanai in the Kazakh republic arrives in its twin town of Kirkcubright, West Yorkshire, this weekend. The chief executive, council leader and mayor are lined up to greet the delegation, but the revelation that all three posts are held by the same person in Kustanai has thrown the arrangements into chaos.

Shell shock

THE only connection between the Royal Mail and snails, one might have thought, is the time it takes to deliver a second class letter. But there is a closer relationship. Sir Andrew Gilchrist, formerly our man in Indonesia, has received a letter, several weeks late, with one of those red and white Royal Mail stickers apologising for delivering damaged goods. "Eaten by snails," a Post Office employee had written, by way of explanation.

Sir Andrew says: "Snails ate right the way through the envelope. I could tell it was a snail because what was left of the letter was all slimy."

Salisbury Post Office, which had handled the letter, says: "We get quite a few letters that have been eaten by snails." They think the snails find the glue on stamps irresistible. "It always gets worse



on bank holidays because the letters are left lying around for longer. The trouble is when you try to explain to people why their letters are chewed up and say it is the snails they look at you as if you're really stupid. They think it's just another post office excuse."

Old pal acts

NEIL Kinnock has turned to Peter Mandelson, his former right-hand man, to try to ensure a Labour victory in the crucial Lambaugh by-election. Mandelson's role will be controversial, because it was his involvement in the Moonmouth by-election earlier this year which exacerbated the divisions among Labour staff which led to the resignation of John Underwood, who had succeeded Mandelson as Labour's communications direc-

tor. Mandelson will also come under scrutiny from Tory and Liberal Democrats opponents to see whether there is a conflict of interest between his work for the Labour party and his position as a consultant to the BBC.

Meanwhile William Hague, at 30 the Tories' youngest MP, has been sent to Lambaugh as the minder to Michael Bates, the Tory candidate. Traditionally, minders are experienced MPs. So why Hague? He was the last Tory to have won a by-election, nearly three years ago.

● The BBC has been running a series of health and safety courses at Television Centre in which participants are required to fill in a questionnaire, asking if employees have experienced any "hazards" while in the BBC's employ. Reporter Jeremy Bowen, who was in Iraq during the Gulf War, wrote: "Rough end of 2000lb penetration bombs." The course supervisor returned the form with a tart note requesting him to treat the course with the appropriate seriousness.

GREE

...and moreover

BBC 1

- 7.25 News and weather**
7.30 Ovide. Cartoon adventures of a duckbilled platypus (r) 7.40
Opposites Attract. The fifth of a 15-part nature series (s) 7.50
The Jetsons 8.15 Chucklevision. Paul and Barry decide to take up golf (s) 8.35 **Dungeons and Dragons.** Cartoon fantasy adventure (r)
9.00 Going Live! Joining Philip Schofield and Sarah Greene is ten-year-old Macaulay Culkin, star of the box office success *Home Alone*. Kiri To Kanawa is the Press Conference guest (s) 12.12 **Westward**
12.15 Grandstand introduced by Steve Rider from Wentworth. The line-up is (subject to alteration): 12.20, 1.15, 3.10 and 4.00 **Golf** live coverage of the semi-finals of the Toyota World Match Play championship over 36 holes of Wentworth's west course. The commentators are Peter Alliss, Bruce Critchley, Alex Hay, Clive Clark and Mike Hughesdon; 12.45 and 1.05 **Football:** a review of the week's European championship qualifying games concerning the home countries; 1.40 News; 2.00 **Snooker:** action from the fifth round of the Rothman's Grand Prix from the Hexagon, Reading. The corner takers are Clive Everton, Jack Karnehm and Ted Lowe; 3.50 **Football** half-time; 4.35 **Final Score**
5.00 News and weather
5.10 Regional news and sport. Wales: Wales on Saturday 5.30-5.45 Tom and Jerry
5.15 One to Win. Three more contestants compete for a luxury holiday in Andrew O'Connor's trivia quiz. (Ceefax) (s)
5.45 Only Fools and Horses. Another early episode from John Sullivan's priceless low-life comedy starring David Jason and Nicholas Lyndhurst. Complications arise for the Trotter brothers when Rodney's latest love rekindles an old flame from Del's past (r). (Ceefax)
6.15 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. Family couples compete for the conveyor belt prizes, urged on by beaming Bruce. (Ceefax) (s)
7.15 Challenge Annika. Miss Rice faces one of her more unusual tasks when she is asked to create a quarantine area, up to Ministry of Agriculture standards, in a Dorset field. It will set for orphaned chimps rescued from Spanish beach photographs. (Ceefax)
8.05 Birds of a Feather. The pushy Doris joins the sisters on a visit to their husbands in Albany prison on the Isle of Wight and discovers a wonderfully 'gritty and low-life' subject for her Open University project. Starring Pauline Quirke, Linda Robson and Lesley Joseph. (Ceefax) (s)
8.35 The House of Eliott. Handsomely-mounted drama following the adventures of two sisters in the London fashion business during the 1920s. Beatrice's life is thrown into turmoil when the man her father refused to let her marry re-enters her life after ten years. Meanwhile sister Evie is being courted by designer Hugo, but she is not keen on furthering the relationship. Starring Stella Gonet and Louise Lombard. (Ceefax) (s)
9.30 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Sport and weather
9.50 Saturday Night Club. Clive James unleashes another batch of witticisms inspired by the week's news and awful television programmes. His studio guest is Sir Peter Ustinov.



The big embrace: Sarah Miles and Robert Mitchum (10.35pm)

- 10.35 Film: The Big Sleep (1978)** starring Robert Mitchum, Sarah Miles and Jean Collins. A disappointing adaptation of Raymond Chandler's private eye thriller, with the setting relocated from California to London. But the story follows the book more closely than in the superior Humphrey Bogart-Lauren Bacall version and Mitchum is perfectly cast as the world-weary Philip Marlowe. Directed by Michael Winner. (Ceefax)
12.10am Film: Carry Me Back (1982) starring Grant Tilly and Kelly Johnson. A black comedy about how two sons get their father back to his farm after he dies at a rugby match hundreds of miles away on the other side of New Zealand. Directed by John Reid
1.35 Weather

BBC 2

- 9.00 Open University**
11.05 Spirit of a Kiss: The Morning of the World. David Attenborough narrates this documentary about the evolution of the Pacific island with a religion that is a blend of Hinduism and spirit worship
12.05 Holiday Outings. Anne Gregg is in Rajasthan, where she visits the cities of Jaipur, Jodhpur and Udaipur (r)
12.15 Film: Days of Thrills and Laughter (1961, b/w). A compilation of clips from Hollywood's silent era, spoilt by an overblown commentary. With Douglas Fairbanks, Charlie Chaplin, Laurel and Hardy and the Keystone Cops
1.45 Heirs and Graces. Lady Victoria Leatham visits the Duke and Duchess of Rutland at Belvoir Castle (r)
2.15 Network East. Magazine series on Asian affairs presented by Shyma Parva. Includes an interview with British Asian singing star Apachi Indian, from Birmingham; and a look at the Kall Theatre Company's production *Song for a Sanctuary*
2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 68 of the 99-part Indian epic. In Hindi with English subtitles
3.25 Film: Son of Paleface (1952) starring Bob Hope, Jane Russell, Roy Rogers and Trigger. Enjoyable spoof sequel to *The Paleface* with Hope as Junior Potter on his way west to seek out his inheritance when he runs into a bygone world government agent and his henchmen. Directed by Frank Tashlin.
4.55 Snooker. David Vine introduces live coverage of the action from the fifth round of the Rothman's grand prize
6.10 Japanese - Language and People. In *On the Road*, the sixth of a ten-part series on Japan, travel writer Alan Booth investigates the traditional language and culture of travel in Japan
6.40 Late April. Highlights from the week's *The Late Show*, the arts and media magazine. Includes Germaine Greer discussing her new book (s)
7.25 Have I Got News For You? Comedy news quiz (r) (s)
7.55 News with Jill Dando. Sport and weather
8.10 Sounds of the 60s. The third in a ten-part series of pop performances from the BBC's black and white archives featuring music from the years 1964 to 1969. Among the artists are Tom Jones, the Kinks, Manfred Mann, the Rolling Stones and the Pretty Things (s)
8.40 The Second Russian Revolution: The Battle of Gerasimov. The superb documentary series continues with a look at the attempted coup against Gorbachev in March 1991, led by his second-in-command Yegor Yel'tsin, and the decision to suppress details of the Chernobyl disaster (r). (Ceefax)



A family at war: Les Dawson as the greedy granny (9.30pm)

- 9.30 Performance: Nons.**
CHOICE: This is the first British production of a black force from the Argentinian dramatist, Roberto Cossa, about a family struggling to survive in the face of roaring inflation and a dreadful old granny who consumes most of their food. The blasted crime is played by Les Dawson. The comedian's rare venture into acting does not require him to learn many words, more to display a repertoire of grunts and pulled faces as "she" shamefully manipulates the rest of the family and resists their several attempts to get "her" out of the way. Dawson is surrounded by a cast of seasoned comedy actors, notably the wonderful Liz Smith as his daughter, Jim Broadbent and Timothy Spall. The adoption of Lancashire accents by supposed citizens of Buenos Aires matters less than the play's satirical point. The essence of successful farce is speed. *Nons* has all the right ingredients but stays too much in first gear. (Ceefax) (s)
10.55 Snooker. Further coverage of the Rothman's grand prize from Reading
12.25am Golf. Highlights of the semi-finals of the Toyota World Match Play championship from Wentworth
1.05 Dance Energy presented by Normski. Guests include singer and the band FM Dawn. Ends at 1.40
4.50 Motor Racing. Live coverage of the Japanese grand prix from Suzuka

BBC 4

- 6.00 TV-am**
9.25 Motorsport presented by Neil Buchanan, Andy Crane, Steve Johnson and Gaby Roslin. This week's guests include wrestling star Hulk Hogan and film actor Sean Astin, who talks about his new film *Toy Soldiers*
11.00 The ITV Chart Show. The *Vintage Video* slot features Queen with their 1984 hit 'I Want to Be Free' (s)
12.00 Sals & Greens. Ian and Jimmy reflect on the week's European championship qualifying games, and launch the Rumbelow Sprint Challenge to find the fastest footballer in the Football League
12.35 News with Sue Carpenter. Weather 12.40 **LWT News** and weather
12.45 Rugby World Cup 91. Frank Buckle introduces live coverage of the first two quarter-finals, beginning at 1.00 with Scotland v Western Samoa at Murrayfield, a match that promises to be on the physical side, with both teams confident after their comprehensive victories over respectively, Ireland and Argentina. The commentator is Alastair Higney with summaries by Gordon Brown and Gerald Davies. Followed at 3.00 by France v England from the Parc des Princes. An evenly-balanced game with the unbeaten French slightly shaken by unseeded Canada's plucky performance last week and England gaining in confidence with two victories after their opening match defeat by the All Blacks. The commentator in Paris is John Taylor with summaries by Steve Smith and David Kirk
4.45 Results presented by Elton Weale
5.00 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 5.05 **LWT News** and weather
5.10 10 Sharp Joining Pat Sharp this week is Dave Hill of the pop group Slade (s)
5.25 Catchphrase. The first of a new series of the quiz game show
5.55 Baywatch. A new series begins with the Los Angeles beach guards on the look out for a kidnapper who attacked a female lifeguard and a stowaway on the beach. Starring David Hasselhoff. (Oracle) (s)
6.45 Blind Date. Cilla Black plays cupid once again for those looking for love in their life. (Oracle) (s)
7.45 Star Lucky. Diverting comedy-drama starring Dennis Watersman and Jan Francis as the couple locked in a love/hate relationship. This week Thomas is being harassed by the Inland Revenue while Sally, good at figures, is answering a cry of help from the other side of the Pennines. (Oracle) (s)
8.45 News with Nicholas Owen. Weather 9.00 **LWT Weather**



The avenger: Clint Eastwood, fast gun and no name (8.05pm)

- 9.05 Film: Pale Rider (1985).**
CHOICE: By the mid-1980s the Hollywood western was in such a wretched state that Clint Eastwood's *Pale Rider* was welcomed with relief as a return to a once great tradition. Other critics were more sniffy. They detected similarities with *Shane* and echoes of Eastwood's own *High Plains Drifter*. The film was unfavourably compared with an Eastwood masterpiece, *The Outlaw Josey Wales*. On the plot level, certainly, *High Plains Drifter* offers familiar material. A gold-mining community is being bullied by a vicious entrepreneur. It prays for deliverance. The call is answered. Behind, a pale horse and sitting beside it is Clint Eastwood, as the mysterious stranger with a fast gun and no name. But if *Pale Rider* offers a predictable story, it is lifted by the presence of Eastwood as actor and the imagination of Eastwood as director, helped by lyrical location photography from Bruce Surtees
11.10 Rugby World Cup 91. David Booth introduces highlights from today's two quarter-finals in Edinburgh and Paris, and previews tomorrow's games in Dublin and Lisbon
12.10am Tour of Duty. American drama series about raw recruits on active service in Vietnam. In this episode the assassination of Martin Luther King causes racial tension on the base
2.10 WCW Pro Wrestling from the United States
2.10 New Music. Celebrity interviews and videos
3.10 Coach. American comedy series about a football coach
3.40 Baseball 1991 from the United States
4.30 The Hit Man and Her. The latest news from the club scene, including music and fashion
5.30 ITN Morning News with Phil Roman. Ends at 6.00

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- 6.00 Comic Book.** Cartoons for children 7.00 **Once Upon a Time... Space.** A journey in outer space as seen through the eyes of animated characters 7.30 **Sporting Years to Remember.** The first of a 13-part history of sport filmed by Pathe News between 1900 and 1970 8.00 **Trans World Sport**
9.00 News summary followed by Channel 4 Racing - the Morning Line
9.30 Some Differences. The first of a series of ten magazine programmes on disabled matters, beginning with a look at exploitative insurance schemes which have wrecked people's lives (r)
10.00 Noah's Ark. The Spanish conservation series continues with a look at how much of the country's wildlife has been forced to retreat into the Extremadura mountain ranges in the face of man's advance (r)
10.30 Wagen Train. (b/w). Classic western series
11.30 Tony Jackson's Pro-Celebrity Golf Challenge. Sam Torrance is joined by Gavin Hastings and Robert Raftery is partnered by Peter Alliss in another round for the Whyte and Mackay Scotch trophy (r)
12.30 American Football. - Red 42. Action from week seven of the NFL
1.00 Film: Joe Smith, American (1942, b/w) starring Robert Young and Marsha Hunt. Movie-boasting second world war thriller about a factory worker who is kidnapped by Nazis desperate to get their hands on blueprints for a new bomb. Directed by Richard Thorpe
2.10 Channel 4 Racing from Newmarket. Live coverage of the 2.35, 3.05, 3.45 (Tote Cessant), 4.20 and 4.50 races
5.05 Breakdown. Omnibus edition (r) (Teletext)
6.30 News summary and weather followed by Right to Reply. Includes a report on viewers' reactions to the television franchise decisions. (Teletext) (s)
7.00 South: Magazine series featuring the work of film-makers from developing countries, this week China and Vietnam. In the first film, Beijing students and a life after Tiananmen Square. The second, filmed in Ho Chi Minh City, tracks down Vietnam's first millionaires



Two to tango: Yvonne de Carlo and Alec Guinness (8.00pm)

- 8.00 Film: The Captain's Paradise (1963, b/w).** The Alec Guinness season continues with this enjoyable comedy about a ferry captain, plying between Gibraltar and Tangier, who has a wife in both ports. One (Celia Johnson) is domestic and homely, the other (Yvonne de Carlo) wild and voluptuous. Directed by Anthony Kimmins. (Teletext)
9.40 Next Stop Hollywood: Mr Fink (1988). Continuing the series of short by new directors commenced by David Lauder when he was with Columbia Studios. Made by Topper Liren, *Mr Fink* is about a married couple who have communication problems, not made any easier when the husband builds a wall through the middle of the house. With John Lurie and Brooke Bundy
10.10 Mondo Cinema: Red Sorghum (1987)
CHOICE: A season of recent world cinema opens with a masterly film by the Chinese director Zhang Yimou, which won the Golden Bear award at the Berlin film festival in 1988. *Red Sorghum* was made quickly on a modest budget but far from suffering from this shows an accomplished filmmaker in total command of his material. The film is set in a small rural community in China in the 1920s and follows the fortunes of an 18-year-old girl, who marries a much older man and is widowed when he is mysteriously murdered. She takes a new husband but her happiness is cut short by the invasion of the Japanese who force the local population to flatten the sorghum fields for a new road and start a campaign of atrocities. The portrait of a tranquil world suddenly gripped by terror is realised in a series of startling images, with Zhang, a former cameraman, showing his flair for colour and composition
11.50 Punks in Prague. A look at the punk phenomenon in Czechoslovakia before and after the revolution. Music is provided by the Czech band SPS
12.20am B.O.A.A. A film examining the punk culture of the late 1970s using film of the Sex Pistols' US tour and of the punk club/street scene on both sides of the Atlantic. Includes interviews with Mary Whitehouse and Sid Vicious
2.00 American Football. - Red 42 (r) Ends at 2.30

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LIFESTYLE

- 8.00 A Perfect Tribute (1989)** American civil war drama starring Jason Robards
8.00 The War of the Roses (1989) Michael Douglas and Kathleen Turner star as a couple who fight for the last of their money
10.00 Hard to Kill (1989) A policeman seeks revenge after witnessing from a seven-year-old to find his wife and child have been murdered
11.40 Paved for Murder (1989) A model is stalked by her psychotic boyfriend
1.15am News (1990) Seven stories
2.00 The Night Before (1987) Screen adaptation of the novel by John Grisham. Terry Jones's children's book. With John Cleese
4.30 The Night Before (1987) A student wakes in an alleyway the morning after his high school night with no knowledge of the night before. Ends at 5.50

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

- 8.15am Dances - Invasion Stars 2150 AD (1989)** Peter Cushing stars as the time lord 8.15 **The Fighters: Animated** science-fiction
10.15 Film (1945): Jeanne Crain and Doris Andrews star in a tale of the great love
12.00 World Entertainment Report 1.00pm 18 **Agnes (1988)** An 81-year-old woman and her grandson's grandchild swap bodies. Starring George Burns
2.45 Frenzy (1989) A girl defies her father and becomes an investigative journalist
5.00 Rockliffe (1985) An amateur footballer progresses to the professional at big league
8.35 The Mummy (1989) Boris Karloff stars as a 3,700-year-old Egyptian priest who is revived 7.50 **Spotlight**
8.15 The Hunt for Red October (1989) Contrasting espionage thriller starring Sean Connery
10.35 Nightmares on Elm Street IV: The Dream Master (1988) Freddy Krueger terrorizes a new generation of Elm Street kids
12.10am The Remains of the Day (1990) A nostalgic and an Americanized version of a novel about a butler's life. Starring Anthony Hopkins
2.00 A Man in Love (1987) A tale of love on the film set of an historical drama. Starring Sean Connery
3.30 Easy Pieces (1970) Jack Nicholson stars as a talented musician married off to a woman who returns home after 20 years. Ends at 5.30

RADIO 1

- 1.00pm** Adrian Jones live from the Motor Boat. For Court. 7.30 News. 7.50 News. 8.00 **Shirley Bassey** 8.15 **Shirley Bassey** 8.30 **Shirley Bassey** 8.45 **Shirley Bassey** 9.00 **Shirley Bassey** 9.15 **Shirley Bassey** 9.30 **Shirley Bassey** 9.45 **Shirley Bassey** 10.00 **Shirley Bassey** 10.15 **Shirley Bassey** 10.30 **Shirley Bassey** 10.45 **Shirley Bassey** 11.00 **Shirley Bassey** 11.15 **Shirley Bassey** 11.30 **Shirley Bassey** 11.45 **Shirley Bassey** 12.00 **Shirley Bassey** 12.15 **Shirley Bassey** 12.30 **Shirley Bassey** 12.45 **Shirley Bassey** 1.00 **Shirley Bassey** 1.15 **Shirley Bassey** 1.30 **Shirley Bassey** 1.45 **Shirley Bassey** 2.00 **Shirley Bassey** 2.15 **Shirley Bassey** 2.30 **Shirley Bassey** 2.45 **Shirley Bassey** 3.00 **Shirley Bassey** 3.15 **Shirley Bassey** 3.30 **Shirley Bassey** 3.45 **Shirley Bassey** 4.00 **Shirley Bassey** 4.15 **Shirley Bassey** 4.30 **Shirley Bassey** 4.45 **Shirley Bassey** 5.00 **Shirley Bassey** 5.15 **Shirley Bassey** 5.30 **Shirley Bassey** 5.45 **Shirley 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WEEKEND MONEY

Flying high

British Airways, the airline headed by Lord King of Warraby, is fighting back after a year of recession and much increased competition on the important North Atlantic routes. After a number of stalled joint ventures British Airways is now talking to Northwest, the American airline, and KLM, the Dutch airline, over setting up a new centre of operations, or hub, in Detroit. If successful, British Airways would be creating the first world airline jointly owned by a European and American company. Page 21



Anne McMechan, managing director of Framlington Unit Management, believes that investing in pharmaceuticals, hospitals, surgical equipment and clinical laboratories is a healthy start to unit trusts investment. Page 26

Investors' clues

Investors will receive more details about the effect of investment group costs on projected payouts but no more clues on the salesman's fee if rules change. Page 24

Seeing double

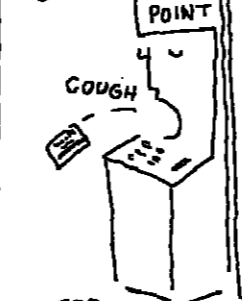
The random allocation of personal identification numbers can mean that two members of the same family can be given the same number by the same bank. Page 24

Payout offer

Guardian Royal Exchange is offering a total of £200,000 to the clients of one of their former tied agents who has disappeared. Page 25

Letters

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Not all bank customers are dissatisfied with the service they are receiving. One reader tells how a replacement card was supplied within 14 hours. But another reader had to pay charges of £48.10 to close an account.

Confident...

It is nearly time for the autumn economic statement and the economy still appears flat. Figures yesterday suggest little money is being created in the economy. Page 20

...or not

Sentiment among banks and building societies appears to be growing for the first time in two years although they report that business confidence is still poor. Page 21

Focus on red

Reality returned to television as HTV Group, the independent contractor that kept its Welsh franchise, reported a large loss. Page 21

Head count

Shareholders in Brent Walker have been called to a meeting today by Alexei Orlov, a second generation White Russian count, to discuss rescue plans. Page 20

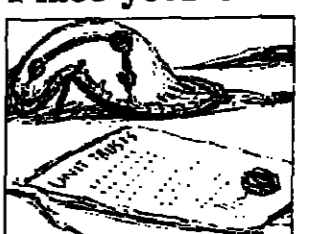
Property loss

The Scottish Metropolitan Property announced pre-tax losses of £8.4 million (£10.4 million profit) for the year to 15 August. The total dividend is 4.4p (6.75p). Page 22

Frost sale

The Frost Group of independent petrol retailers is coming back to the market with an offer for sale of 10.75 million shares at 235p each. Page 22

Place your bets



Four years after the stock market crash some investments are still grounded while others are taking off. Lindsay Cook and Sara McConnell assess the winners and losers. Unit trusts have been outpaced by bank and building society accounts. Gold and platinum have suffered and vintage ports have fallen in real terms. Page 23

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Martin Waller

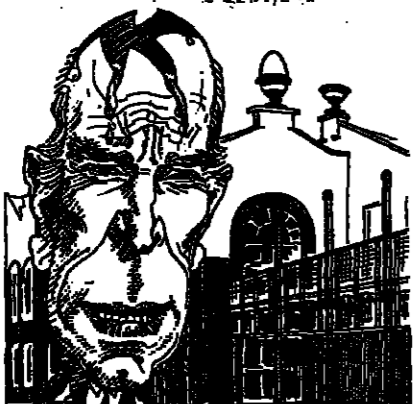
Soaps in a lather

In the topsy-turvy world of television, victory masquerades as disaster and failure as success. The latest TV franchise round is depicted as soap opera, but the true comparison, surely, is a Restoration comedy of identity, where the libertine is revealed as pure as driven snow and the ne'er-do-well unmasked as the rich and generous uncle.

How else to explain the sudden lurch southward of shares in Yorkshire TV and HTV on their retention of their banknote-printing presses for another ten years? Meanwhile, defeated Thames TV was on every broker's buy list, while TV-am shares were defying gravity even as the tears dripped into Camden Lock.

This last gives rise to a mind-boggling thought. Bruce Gyngell and his team will now be allowed to run the franchise for another 14 months while pulling as much cash as possible out of the business. Picture, if you can, an even more cheaply run TV-am. Roland Rat, this could be your finest hour.

Market-watchers were given a foretaste of what might happen once a few of



the franchise holders start to run out of money, say about two weeks into the new franchise round, when the stock exchange's TOPIC company announcement screens went blank on Tuesday. But the real opportunities for soap opera were elsewhere. The Channel tunnel, previously seen as a long-running Anglo-French co-production, abruptly flipped into courtroom drama as Sir Alastair Morton, Eurotunnel chief executive, went to the High Court for an injunction to persuade the builders to keep building. Viewers are advised not to try this one at home when the plumber cuts up rough.

Across the Atlantic, the makers of *Hill Street Blues* and *St Elsewhere* might look to Wall Street for their next creation. After the woes of Salomon Brothers, blamed by the bank itself on anyone who might have left recently, came news of \$885 million losses and a dropped dividend from Citicorp, which is presumably bad news for former employees of Vickers & Costa and Scrimgeour in London. And IBM, the lumbering computer dinosaur talking joint ventures with the smaller but fleetier Apple, saw third-quarter profits fall 85 per cent. Question: what do you get when you merge IBM with Apple? Answer: IBM.

Hillside Holdings suffered a predictable flop for its £281 million cash call. *Emmerdale Farm* never had these problems. Still on special offer in the City: £432 million-worth of British Aerospace and £357 million of Asda. Don't all ask at once.

Dallas may have spudded dry but Chris Greentree's Lasino is offering a fair replacement, and £1.2 billion of his own shares in exchange for Ultramar.

Over on Channel 4, feminist drama company the Policy Studies Institute screened a biting production revealing that one company in ten would not employ a manager in skirts. Successful women who flout this rule tend to do so by virtue of 'personal exposure that is an inevitable consequence of political or family prominence,' says the PSI study, joint author Lady [Elspeth] Howe. Her accompanying *curriculum vitae* features her husband's name ahead of her three non-executive directorships and her stint as deputy chairman (sic) of the Equal Opportunities Commission. QED.

BUSINESS PROFILE: Peter Rawlins

Ruthless enemy of the status quo

The chief executive of the London Stock Exchange is seen by some as an upstart, as Carol Leonard discovers

There are two schools of thought about Peter Rawlins, chief executive of the London Stock Exchange. Both are deeply entrenched and wholly incompatible.

One is held largely by the old guard of the Square Mile, those he has recently displaced as members of the Stock Exchange council, and those who continually harp back to the days before Big Bang when there was a trading floor and the exchange was perhaps the most exclusive gentlemen's club in Britain. They see him as a young upstart — he has just turned 40 — and question his actions and motives. They allude to the fact that he has no previous experience of the stock market. He is an accountant, was a partner of Arthur Andersen, the management consultancy, helped Ian Hay Davison sort out the Lloyd's insurance market and then became managing director of Sturge, the biggest underwriting agency at Lloyd's.

Mention his name and they will laugh, a ridiculing, almost sneering laugh. "You mean wee Pete Rawlins," reply men 15 years his senior. "Who the hell does he think he is?" they add. Eventually, they will admit that he has done a good job and that he was the right man to do it, but they question his manner, express concern for the future and complain that he "talks down" to them.

Even within the exchange tower, where he is marginally more popular — he has, after all, reduced staff numbers by a third, to 2,000 — he is referred to as "our small leader". He is 5ft 10ins tall, but somehow he seems much smaller. He has an impish face, a slightly bulbous nose, a high forehead and thinning hair, but although not handsome, he is not unattractive.

The other school of thought, held largely by those on the periphery of the City establishment, accredits Rawlins with near-hero status. He has done precisely what needed to be done, they argue. The old Stock Exchange council was, they recall, jokingly described as living proof that there was life after death. They will tell you that Rawlins is extremely intelligent, refreshingly energetic and good company.

Rawlins is aware of these divided opinions. "Lots of people who don't know me see me as some arrogant, opportunist, career-driven individual, who has political ambitions, with a capital P," he says. "It staggers me, because nothing could be further from the truth."

He admits, however, that he does sometimes talk down to people. He also admits that even his mother is in awe of him, not because he rants and raves — he is given to irritation rather than temper — but because he has such a

quick brain. "I'm told that I intimidate all my family and that I intimidate people here [at the Stock Exchange]. I think it's perhaps because I have a quicker brain and tongue than most people and I don't waste my time with people or things that bore me. It's not that I would be snooty towards them, I would just ignore them." He agrees that he might well be rude in the process and that he is impatient to a fault. His wife and friends agree that he is anything but modest.

That impatience means that Rawlins habitually cuts conversations short. He will look straight through you as you speak, visualising in his head what you are going to say next, deducing the point you are trying, so laboriously (in his eyes) to make, and then he will cut you off. "It's not that I finish sentences for people," he says, "but before people have finished speaking I say 'Fine, I understand what you are trying to say.' I listen quicker than other people sometimes talk. It must be

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terribly frustrating." He drums a lighter on a packet of cigarettes. He is in perpetual motion.

Rawlins is also aware that because of his bluff, sometimes brash manner, people in the City often conclude that he must be thick skinned. "I have a strong and very private life and, given that, sufficient personal resilience, that I do have a fairly thick skin," he says. At the Stock Exchange council meeting when he pushed through his radical decision to change it into a new-style board, he informed the then council members that they were like "a load of dinosaurs". He knows that he has made enemies.

Rawlins insists, however, that despite his urgent desire to change the status quo and to "get things done", he does not deliberately set out to ruffle feathers. "I sometimes take deliberately iconoclastic positions to keep people guessing and thinking. The day they can predict where I'm coming from is the day I cease to be an effective change

agent. But I hope I'm not in any way churlish." Does he care if people like him or not? "Of course I do, and I do genuinely hope I'm not leaving a sea of malevolent discontents out there."

He is irritated by pomposity, inefficiency, an inability to keep pace with him, and "the too easy acceptance, particularly in this country, of settling for second best". Rawlins regrets that he cannot play the piano well, in fact, he can play. What he means is that he is not a concert pianist. Everything he does he wants to do better than anybody else — or else he does not want to do it at all.

That need to prove himself stems from his childhood. The eldest of four children, born and brought up in London, Rawlins had high expectations imposed on him by his father, advertising director of a magazine group.

Stephen Mischler, a merchant banker with Citicorp and a lifelong friend, recalls how his own parents used to complain that it was unfair "of Pete's father to push him so much. He had to behave like someone much older than he was, he had to live up to his father's expectations." I tell him that Rawlins claims never to have been intimidated. "Except by his father," Mischler adds.

Rawlins' father died when Rawlins was at St Edward's boarding school, Oxford. Rawlins was 14. That was, he says, one of only two nights in his life when he was unable to sleep. It left what he describes as a "hole" in his life. "I cannot remember anything, except mundane events, between the ages of 14 and 17. It must have been the effect of my father's death. It bothers me a lot."

Rawlins explains that his father-in-law, Teddy Langton, once the senior partner of Stoy Hayward, became a surrogate father. Rawlins has known Langton's daughter, Louise, since he was 15. He calls him "dad" and, according to Mischler, has been determined since to prove that Louise married well, since Rawlins is a gentle and the Langtons are Jews.

Success has changed Rawlins. He has become more self-assured. He lives with his wife and two children in Wimbledon, south west London, has a holiday home in Burgundy and earned £250,000 last year. He stresses that that includes pensions contributions and bonus — Rawlins wants to retire before he is 50 and has planned accordingly. He would rather be at his house in France, writing plays. "I work to live, rather than the other way round," he says. He first wrote for the theatre when he was an undergraduate at Keble College, Oxford. His mother, now aged 63, was a professional actress and his maternal grandmother was an opera singer. Rawlins is a natural



Centre stage: Louise Rawlins (left) agrees that Peter, her husband, is anything but modest

performer, loves public speaking and hates being anything other than the centre of attention. Success has not, however, turned him into an establishment figure.

The popular image begins to change. Rawlins, although he claims to be "ruthlessly logical" and "cerebral but not an abstract intellectual", is emotional — he is moved by music and opera — sentimental and tactile. He will swear, sometimes to shock, "to make people listen", but in a "rather naff schoolboy way". In that same naff schoolboy way, he still uses words such as "brill" and "super". He agrees animatedly that he is a "child of the Sixties". He has, he says, an exceptionally high energy level, but only because he forcibly speeds up his metabolism by smoking and drinking coffee. "I'm naturally very lazy and I'm renowned for cat-napping — having a quick zizz — at my own dinner parties, just for two or three minutes."

Rawlins has no idea what he will do next. He is not cut out to be a figurehead — "I would offend too many people."

"I have lived on my wits for most of my life," concludes Rawlins. "I'm very conscious of that fact. One day, the adrenalin will stop flowing and the luck will run out and I hope I will then say to myself that it is time to ship out."

Driven to distraction in Bangkok

By ANATOLE KALETSKY
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FORGET Soviet disunity, Third World debt and double-dip recessions. One subject monopolised the corridor chatter at this week's International Monetary Fund World Bank annual meeting.

That subject was Bangkok. Not Bangkok as in bizarre sex shows, psychedelically painted temples and cheap overnight tailors; but Bangkok, as in hell.

Bangkok has delights and hazards. The temples, the beautiful women and the delicious food are more than fairly matched against the rabid dogs, the humid weather and the obsessions with sex and Aids (on Saturday, the

British ambassador dined with the wife of the Governor of the Bank of England at the restaurant Cabages and Condoms).

But all of these features are overwhelmed by Bangkok's defining characteristic — the monstrous, deafening, suffocating and motionless sea of cars. Los Angeles, London and Mexico City all have traffic jams. But Bangkok is a traffic jam. And nothing could have better brought out the city's essence than an annual meeting of the IMF.

These jamborees are carefully arranged to isolate participants from the host city's real life. The delegates' main objective is to maximise the number of opulent receptions attended per waking



hour. So the success of an IMF meeting can be measured as by the speed with which blue-suited bodies are moved between air-conditioned spaces, as by the number of speeches denouncing

inflation and government debts. But in Bangkok, the shuttling broke down. Despite the three-day public holiday declared for the conference, a two-mile journey between hotels could take an hour. So why did the bankers not abandon their limousines and try walking? First, there is no reliable public transport, secondly, the traffic lights are manually operated, and thirdly, amid choking car fumes, walking is intolerable.

Bankers point to countries like Thailand as models for the future of the world. But if Bangkok's private affluence and public squalor are what lie in store for the world, one delegate returns with the conclusion: "I have seen the future and it doesn't work."

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BA in talks with KLM and Northwest over Detroit hub



Sir Colin: secure position

By HARVEY ELLIOTT
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BRITISH Airways is holding three-cornered talks with Northwest, the American carrier, and KLM, the Dutch national airline, over the creation of one of the world's biggest "hub" airports at Detroit.

Under the plan, BA would take a big stake in what could become the first global carrier owned jointly by airlines from Europe and America.

BA has long harboured ideas of becoming involved in a truly international network of inter-locking airlines. So far every plan has foundered either because the American carrier it had hoped to link with went into liquidation or because it became so successful in its own right

it no longer needed outside investment.

Northwest, however, is now seen as the ideal — and possibly last remaining — vehicle for BA to gain access to the vast American hinterland. With debts of more than \$1.5 billion, it has already persuaded KLM to buy 20 per cent of its equity. Elders, the Australian group, owns about 3 per cent. More investment is desperately needed.

Although it has 346 aircraft, it operates only five small transatlantic routes even though long-haul services are far more profitable than its enormous domestic network.

BA has a large transatlantic network serving 19 American gateway airports but no guaranteed access to the hinterland. If it could

plug into Northwest's internal network, therefore, both would benefit — Northwest by gaining high-value, intercontinental traffic, and BA by linking into the American domestic and commuter network.

If the talks, now focusing on financing, succeed, BA will be close to fulfilling its aim of becoming one of the world's first global carriers.

"Traditionally we have had a series of insular, regional air transport systems which fitted loosely together, sometimes haphazardly and often inconveniently," said Sir Colin Marshall, BA's chief executive, recently.

"Ultimately I believe we will have perhaps no more than ten global airline combines with multi-national ownership, operating from a

range of strategic hubs. The real competition among the major players in the industry as we head towards the year 2000 will be to gain a secure position as the strategic core and driving force of the first and most successful of these global carriers."

Detroit, a pivotal city within easy reach of virtually all the major urban centres of the Midwest and eastern seaboard, is dominated by Northwest, which flies round-the-clock "bus-stop" services to 59 American cities and a further 15 commuter routes. If BA could link up its daily services to the city with Northwest's domestic and commuter routes, it would be able to attract many more passengers, who would swap aircraft at Detroit and

fly either to Britain or Amsterdam. KLM shares a service with Northwest between Amsterdam and Minneapolis and plans to add Detroit next year.

Nobody at BA, KLM or Northwest would talk about the discussions, claiming it was "mere speculation".

Northwest was the subject of a \$3.65 billion leveraged buyout in 1989 and is anxious to shed its remaining \$1.5 billion debt. Under the plans, it would hand over its services to Gatwick, Glasgow, Frankfurt, Paris and Amsterdam to BA and KLM and concentrate on building up its domestic links and strong trans-Pacific network, to which neither of the proposed partners has access.

Change of home planned by SE

By CAROL LEONARD

THE London Stock Exchange is to move from its 24-storey tower in Throgmorton Street, one of the most valuable sites in the City of London.

Peter Rawlins, chief executive of the exchange, says that a move from the coffin-shaped, concrete tower is part of his three-year plan for the venerable institution.

"I would be very surprised if we were still in this building in three years' time," he said. "This building is a child of its time, a real child of the Sixties, and it is wholly unsuited to the use to which it is presently put. It was designed to house back-offices for member firms."

He wants all the exchange's London-based employees — most of the 2,000 staff, now accommodated in nine buildings in the capital, to be housed under one roof.

Mr Rawlins said: "For all the massive technology we have, this is a people business. I can't get my arms around this, I can't infect it with my hope, enthusiasm, perhaps a bit of drive and direction, perhaps a bit of courage, from ivory towers. The idea that I'm sitting at the top of the ivory tower with the world down there is terrible. I cannot get out and walk the floors and let people see that this chap does not have two heads and green tails."

He would like the exchange to be situated "right in the thick of it", while realising, given the diverse geographical location of London's financial institutions, that the task will be hard. Mr Rawlins is believed to have a location in mind but is reluctant to disclose his intentions. "If I answered that I would be giving away all sorts of commercial secrets. There's a rather difficult property market out there, so I don't want to signal too early what I am going to do."

Property market analysts say the exchange's 260,000 sq ft tower could be worth about £120 million. The exchange also owns the freehold of two other properties in central London. Any profit would be reinvested "to enhance our services or to reduce charges", said a spokeswoman.

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Burmah falls 28p on SHV stake sale

By MARTIN BARROW

SHARES in Burmah Castrol, the lubricants and specialist chemicals group, slipped from 596p to 568p after SHV took advantage of higher share prices in the oil and gas sector to place its 9.1 per cent stake in the company.

A total of 16.5 million shares were placed with institutional investors through Cazenove, Burmah's broker, at 557p a share.

The disposal realised £91.9 million and ended any lingering hopes of a takeover by the private Dutch investment company for Burmah.

James Alexander, a director of Burmah, said that although relations between the two companies had always been friendly, the stake had been a source of instability. It represented SHV's entire holding.

SHV began building up its shareholding in Burmah after the two companies' joint bid for Calor, the bottled gas group, in 1987. The £820 million bid was allowed to lapse after the Calor board refused to endorse the terms but SHV, with 29.9 per cent of Calor, continued to add to its stake and now owns 44 per cent.

SHV's strategy appeared to be to link up Burmah and Calor and retain a substantial minority shareholding. However, Burmah rejected SHV's overtures.

Calor shares rose from 240p to 248p as energy analysts anticipated renewed share purchases by SHV, which has stated its intention to own 51 per cent of the company.

Last year, Calor shares were pushed up to 450p by speculation that Burmah may launch a bid but fell sharply after Burmah's £259 million hostile bid for Foseco, the specialty chemicals and abrasives company.

Asda and British Aerospace rights remain 'in danger zone'

Underwriters left with half Hillsdown issue

By MARTIN WALLER

THE £280 million rights issue from Hillsdown Holdings, the food group, was largely shunned by the market, leaving 52 per cent of the shares with the underwriters and raising the chance of humiliating flops for cash calls from British Aerospace and Asda.

Shares in the latter companies fell against the market trend. BAE lost 3p to 380p, equivalent to the price of its £432 million cash call, while Asda declined 1p to 41p, against a rights issue price of 35p.

Mike Unsworth, head of research at Smith New Court, the broker, said: "They are still in the danger zone. To that extent, the brokers involved in Asda and Aerospace's rights issues are going to be working very hard to try and make sure they are successful. It isn't good news but it's still difficult to predict the outcome."

BAE, whose issue closes at the end of the month, is still reeling from the events that led to the loss of Professor Sir Roland Smith as its chairman, but Asda received a boost this week with news that Archie Norman, the finance director of Kingfisher, was joining the team as the long-awaited new chief executive.

Sir Harry Solomon, the chairman of Hillsdown, said he was "naturally very disappointed" at the result, which he attributed to the

poor timing of the issue. "Maybe there was an over-estimate of the City's appetite for equity. There are a number of other issues about, and it was a surprise to the market as well, which didn't help."

Cazenove and SG Warburg, the company's brokers, immediately moved to limit the damage. A placing of the majority of the issue at just over the 210p issue price was unsuccessful. Hillsdown's shares at that time having already fallen to below that level.

Eventually, 14 million shares were placed at 201p, against a closing price of 206p, a fall of 7p on the day. A further 57 million shares were left with underwriters, and the company said last night that these were now regarded as firm holders.

While Hillsdown's shares had fallen with the market since the rights was announced last month, there had been hopes of a 70 per cent take-up, and advisers were clearly disappointed with the result.

Sir Harry said he continued to believe the rights issue was in the best interests of the company and its development. It left £280 million in the bank for expansion by means of medium-sized acquisitions that would bolt onto existing food businesses.

Analysts are sceptical about an early recovery in

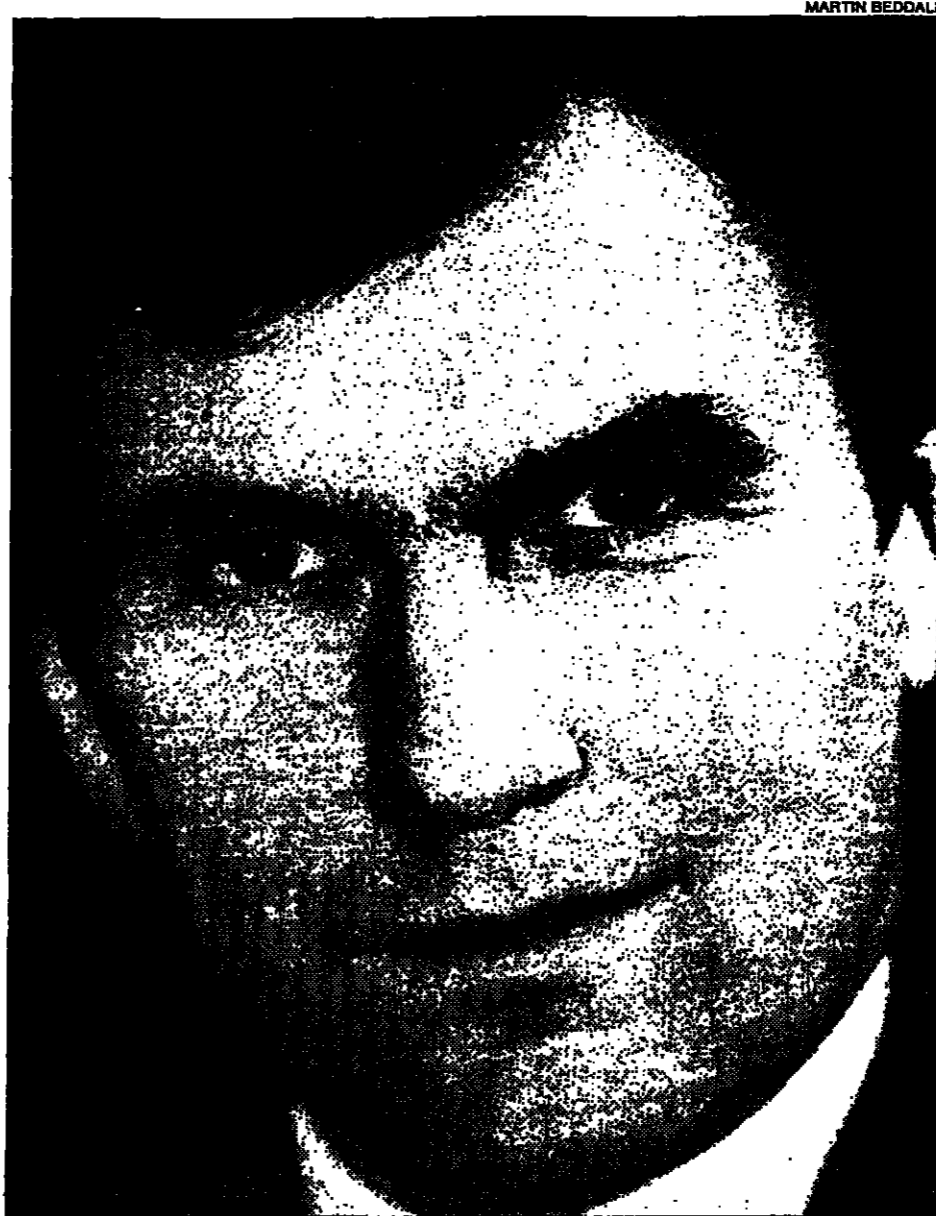
Hillsdown shares. The price was well below its year's peak of 265p after a bear raid in January sent it £1 lower, and the 210p rights issue price is seen as a natural barrier to further improvement. Should the price rise above this level, underwriters who chose to keep their shares, rather than see them placed at a loss at 201p, could start to sell.

One food manufacturing analyst said: "I think the point about Hillsdown was that unlike the other rights issues, when it was painfully clear why they needed a rights, in Hillsdown's case it wasn't."

He said the lack of a profit forecast cast doubt on projections that there was no problem with the balance sheet and current trading. Sir Harry's stated wish to make acquisitions ran contrary to the group's previously perceived strategy of concentrating on organic growth.

"Nobody wants to see them buy things because their recent buying record hasn't been very good." In particular, the market was not keen on acquisitions in a range between £40 million and £50 million, he added.

Sir Harry said the big food groups in Hillsdown's markets of Europe and North America were currently repositioning themselves and selling core businesses, his own company included. This, he added, gave rise to buying opportunities.



Boost for Asda: Archie Norman, who joins from Kingfisher to become chief executive

HTV loses £4m after £4m profit

By OUR CITY STAFF

HTV Group, the independent television contractor that retained the licence for Wales and the west of England in the latest franchise round, slumped from a pre-tax profit of £4.25 million to a loss of £4.84 million in the first half of this year. But HTV is holding the interim dividend at 1.5p.

Louis Sherwood, the chairman, is forecasting no profits in the current year.

The likely outcomes range between breakeven and a loss of £1 million. HTV will also take a provision below the tax line of £3 million to £4 million from an extensive restructuring agreed by the board on news of the successful franchise bid was known.

This raises the possibility of further redundancies on top of the 352 jobs that have been lost since 1989 and that have cut the television side's workforce to about 900.

Charles Romaine, the chief

executive, said the group's share of ITV's advertising revenue grew from 6.23 per cent to 6.26 per cent. He dismissed City fears that the £20.5 million bid needed to secure the franchise would undermine HTV financially, saying that the group would be in "substantial profit" from 1993 onwards because of cost savings implemented.

The shares rose 4p to 46p.



Sherwood: big provisions

Hanson's £351m bid details posted

By ANGELA MACKAY

DOCUMENTS containing the details of a recommended £351.4 million offer by HB Acquisitions, on behalf of Hanson, for Beazer's ordinary and preference shares, were posted to the construction and building material group's shareholders yesterday.

Ordinary shareholders are being offered 90p and one new Hanson warrant per Beazer share, which values the stock at 123.5p a share.

Holders of the cumulative redeemable preference shares will receive 104p a share with 4p of this amount representing accrued dividend.

The new Hanson warrants are identical to the existing Hanson warrants that were issued when the conglomerate bought Consolidated Gold Fields in 1989.

The warrants will be listed on the London Stock Exchange and on the American Stock Exchange, as opposed to

the New York Stock Exchange as originally stated. In his letter to Beazer shareholders, Lord Hanson, the bidder's chairman, said: "I am confident that this recommended offer is in the best interests of all shareholders and employees... and represents a timely opportunity for Hanson to extend its existing successful operations in the United States and in the United Kingdom, in partnership with Brian Beazer and his management team."

Mr Beazer, the Beazer chairman, said yesterday: "Beazer's ability to withstand the impact of the recession and the resultant pressure on cash flow and borrowings will be strengthened by joining Hanson."

Notice of an extraordinary general meeting on November 11 for the holders of Beazer's convertible stock was also dispatched. First closing date for the offer is November 18.

Caution escorts rise in confidence

By PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BUSINESS confidence among banks, building societies and other financial services companies is growing for the first time for almost two years, the Confederation of British Industry says.

The findings of the latest CBI survey into the financial services sector showed that for the first time since this quarterly series of surveys began, companies were on balance more optimistic about the overall position of business. However, their business volumes are still poor, more people are likely to lose their jobs, and the majority of companies still see no improvement in overall business confidence.

But ministers who are looking for any signs of improvement in confidence in support of their claims of a recovery in the second half of the year will take the survey's findings as further evidence

that their views are correct. The survey, carried out by the confederation and Coopers & Lybrand Deloitte, the accountant, shows a marked improvement in overall business confidence. The balance of companies — those seeing an improvement against those seeing a decline — rose from minus 13 per cent in June to plus 22 per cent now.

However, 64 per cent of those surveyed are still no more confident than they were, and confederation economists cautioned that even those registering increased confidence were dependent on the expected improvement in business actually being realised in the months ahead.

Of all companies surveyed, 61 per cent said their current level of business was still below normal. Business volumes are still declining, too, although less sharply than they have in the past year. A balance of 13 per cent believe

that business volumes will improve over the next three months. Financial services companies have seen their business with financial institutions and private individuals grow over the past three months. However, trade with industrial and commercial companies has continually fallen over the period and is set to decline further, albeit less steeply.

Sudhir Junankar, deputy economics director of the confederation, said the results suggested that financial services companies had reached the bottom of the recession. However, the confederation gave a warning that the increase in confidence was based on an expected upturn in consumer activity.

Charges and prices continued to increase, but the sharp cuts in staff carried out by the banks, building societies and finance houses are expected to continue at the same rate.

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Scot Met blows its chances as recovery stock

THAT the entire property sector suffered yesterday is a tribute to the awfulness of the figures from Scottish Metropolitan Property, the second-line development stock.

Analysts' concern centred on the steep decline in the property portfolio valuation. Scot Met's substantial interests north of the border were held to be a strength at a time of Southeast-led property slump. The theory looks less convincing when the yearly fall in Scottish values is 14 per cent, even if that compares with a 25 per cent decline in the Southeast.

The P&L account also suffered, with a £9.4 million writedown against the value of an aborted Bournemouth retail development charged as an exceptional item. Borrowings have also been restructured but debt continues to climb inexorably. It had reached £201.3 million by the year-end against net assets of £141.3 million. The net asset value per share fell by 39 per cent to 145.4p against a closing share price of 87p. It must have taken steady Scottish nerves to throw in a dividend cut on top of all the writedowns and exceptional costs.

Much of this could have

been avoided if Scot Met had opted for a rights issue when cash calls were still in fashion. Even without further provisions, the company is unlikely to do much better than break even in the current year. The 6.7 per cent yield should provide support for the shares at around 90p but the stock's claim to represent a property recovery opportunity has been blown.

Frost Group

FOR James Frost, chairman of the Frost Group petrol station chain, and Frost's previous followers, it is once more round the forecourt. Frost's shares rose from 100p in 1986 to 300p by early 1990, and were bid for at 430p later last year by Norfolk House Group.

Now Norfolk House is in receivership, James Frost (who cut his ties on the 1990 takeover) is back in charge, and Frost is market-bound again. Frost Group's offer is of 10.75 million shares to the public at 235p, an institution-placing, and a priority offering to Norfolk House shareholders. In all, £12 million will be raised, of which £10.6 million is earmarked for debts. Frost will have net cash of about £2 million, and plans to rebuild its site base to 100 from 75 by year end, and to 150 sites within five years.

There will be no excitement for the year to end-December, with pre-tax profits of about £2.5 million (compared with £4.75 million under Norfolk management in 1990), though profits could reach £5.2 million in 1992, equivalent to net earnings of 21.3p a share. Should a 50 per cent distribution pattern be re-established, then dividends of 11p would yield 6.2 per cent on placing price, and the prospective yield would be 11 times. The shares should prove worth taking up, presuming that James Frost can re-install the magic that made Frost attractive before. This time, the listing could be for keeps.

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Sears' price strengthens on talk of bid from Kingfisher

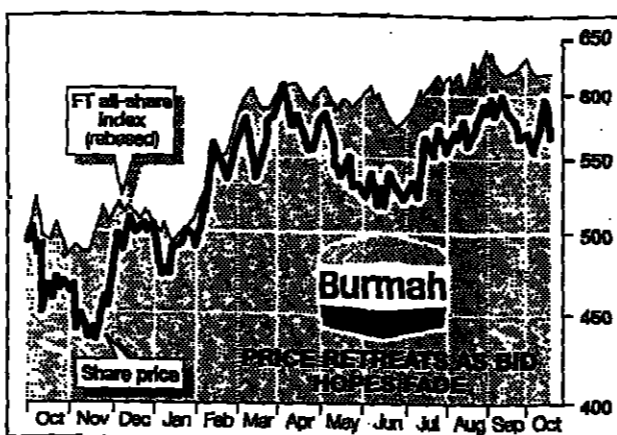
By MICHAEL CLARK

THE market is looking for another big bid battle to revive its flagging fortunes. The spotlight fell yesterday on another perennial takeover favourite, Sears, the Freeman's mail order and Selfridges and Saxone stores group. After a long spell in the doldrums, Sears ended the session 6p higher at 103p as more than 15 million shares changed hands.

Kingfisher, 2p cheaper at 547p, was once again tipped as a suitor. Dealers claim that the group needs to make some kind of acquisition to boost its earnings despite the departure of Archie Norman, the finance director, to Asda this week. But the name of Land Securities, the property developer, 6p lower at 508p, has also been linked to Sears. Sears has a large property portfolio that includes a number of valuable sites in London's West End.

The rest of the equity market ended the day on a firm note, cheered by bid speculation and an opening advance on Wall Street. Turnover touched 551 million shares as the FT-SE 100 index ended on a high note, breaching the 2,600 level again, with a rise of 12.4 points to 2,601.1. Government securities barely stirred on overnight levels.

Ultramar strengthened 4p



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to 351p, still hoping for a counter-bid. This week it rejected a £1.12 billion offer from its rival Lasso, 3p stronger at 315p.

Elsewhere in the oil sector, Burmah tumbled 28p to 568p

any remaining bid hopes. SHV is now expected to concentrate on Calor, up 8p at 248p, where it already has a 44 per cent holding. There were also reports of a large placing in SelectTV, the independent

production company quoted on the USM, which has a 15 per cent stake in the Meridian television company. Robert Maxwell, the publisher, is believed to have sold his 12.7 million shares, or 18.6 per cent, at a discount to the ruling price of 25p. The shares in Cadbury Schweppes, the soft drinks and confectionery group, rose 9p to 422p on revived hopes of a bid from Philip Morris, the American food and tobacco group. The story is not new but the reluctance of fund managers to sell the shares is certain to continue to fuel speculation.

A cloud now hangs over the market's two remaining rights issues after the low take-up in Hillelson's £280 million cash call. Cazenove and Smith New Court placed about 14 million of the 71 million shares making up the rump at 201p after an attempt at 210p failed.

All eyes are now on British Aerospace, down 3p at 380p, and Asda, 1p lighter at 41p.

Fears are increasing that institutions are starting to take a hard line with companies wanting to reduce their bank borrowings. This could make it difficult for other companies to raise money, especially among the constituents of the FT-SE 100 index.

Earlston fell 10p to 423p and the warrants 4p to 134p after demands from the European Commission to stop work on the high-speed rail link while an environmental study on the project is carried out.

But, last night, it looked as if work would continue.

credit hopes boost Tokyo

Tokyo - Shares ended sharply higher after Kiuchi Miyazawa said that he favoured giving the economy a boost, which revived hopes for easier credit. Mr Miyazawa is expected to be Japan's next prime minister. The Nikkei index climbed 454.97 points, or 1.86 per cent, to 24,894.82.

The Nikkei has gained 737.1 points, or 3.05 per cent, for the week. Yesterday, it closed at its highest since June 17. Turnover was about 500 million shares compared with 442 million shares on Thursday.

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WALL STREET

New York - Blue chips made modest gains in morning trading. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 3 points to 3,056.

Sydney - The market closed slightly higher, consolidating after a week of hectic trading that saw the leading index leap by 4.0 per cent. The all-ordinaries index closed at 1,617.6, up 5.1 points.

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Home equity 'ban' overdue



COMMENT

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WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

Next week brokers will be told that they are virtually banned from selling schemes which buy investment bonds with money borrowed on the value of the client's home. And not a moment too soon.

The Financial Intermediaries Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association is sending guidance notes on equity home income schemes to its members for the first time, four years after the stock market crash and years after concern about the schemes was first raised.

This comes after a campaign by Age Concern, the charity, to help many elderly people who face losing their homes because of such schemes, many of which were taken out when investment bonds and house prices seemed capable only of rising. The homeowners now know to their tragic cost how much difference falling bond returns and rising interest rates can make. When the schemes were sold these risks often were not pointed out.

Under the new regime this

should never happen. In the very rare circumstances that such schemes can be sold the investor will have to sign a copy of a risk warning and will be given a copy of it. Before doing so they should also be shown what effect different interest rates and growth rates would have on the home income scheme.

The risk warning issued on the broker's headed paper points out that many investors in the past have seen their capital invested in an insurance bond diminish over the years and in some cases be wiped out altogether so that the payments on the loan could no longer be met by the bond.

It also makes sure that investors know that house prices may not keep pace with an increasing loan and that there is a real danger that they will be asked to make payments themselves in the future. The illustrations to

show what might happen in various market conditions include a projected cash value for the fund if there is a zero growth rate, and must show how much would be taken from the bond to meet the interest payments on the loan. The loan interest rate used in calculations can either be an average of the past five years or the current rate of interest, whichever is higher.

If the scheme allows interest to be deferred, then the projection must state how much interest will have been added after five, ten, fifteen and twenty years, and also

when the loan will reach 75 per cent of the value of the property. Fimbra cannot ban products. However, anyone who reads the warnings cannot be expected to go ahead.

Self-defence

Investors who want to know exactly how much a salesman earns in commission for selling an insurance policy or investment before they agree to buy a policy should send in their comments on the Securities and

Investments Board's proposals on disclosure.

The Consumers' Association and the Office of Fair Trading should be fighting the consumer's corner. SIB is likely to be bombarded with submissions from interested groups, such as brokers and life companies spelling out the advantages of telling investors about costs rather than commission.

But investors need to fight for themselves. The restricted amount of disclosure allowed at the moment means that salesmen can get away with selling an insurance bond (paying 5.5 per cent commission) when a unit trust would be more suitable (but would earn the salesman just 3 per cent commission). Investors have no means of comparing commission paid on different policies and must put pressure on SIB to find a way of doing this.

Insurance companies have so far managed to persuade the regulators that it is too complicated to work out at the point of sale. Yet salesmen seem pretty adept at working out how much they have made from a deal.

The opinions of investors do matter. The banks were astonished when so many of their customers responded to their draft code of practice, most of them unfavourably. The result was a drastic rewriting of the code: a victory for the customers.

Investors should tell SIB that expressing the costs of a policy as a reduction in the policy proceeds is unnecessarily complicated for people to understand, and relies on projections that may not be fulfilled while the costs will always be incurred.

The legislation is supposed to protect investors. They will have to make sure it does.

The deadline for comments is December 20. People should take advantage of the opportunity to make their views known.

Black Monday: Where have all the pieces gone?

PROPERTY

HOUSE prices have increased on average by 40.7 per cent since the crash, according to the Halifax building society. But while some people choosing bricks and mortar as a safe haven in the wake of the crash would have made an 80 per cent profit, in other parts of the country the average increase works out at less than 1 per cent a year.

House prices in Yorkshire and Humberside have risen by 80.3 per cent since the crash. In October 1987 the average was £30,095 and last month it reached £55,087. In Greater London, prices averaged £76,292 in October 1987. Since then the largest lender's index for the region has risen just 3.4 per cent.

At the time of the crash prices in London were increas-

ing at the rate of 22 per cent a year. The Budget announcement the following year that multiple tax relief was to be withdrawn pushed up prices further. Low interest rates also fuelled confidence in the property market. But since the peak a year after the crash, prices have fallen back by about 20 per cent.

East Anglia had the strongest property market in October 1987, with prices rising by 27 per cent a year. The average price was £53,978. The index

has risen by 10.1 per cent since the crash and the average price of properties sold last month was £60,168.

Base mortgage rates stood at 11.25 per cent in October 1987 and were soon on their way down to 9.8 per cent the following May 1988.

But after a short summer of low rates they started climbing steadily to the record rate of 15.4 per cent from last March to November. After eight base rate cuts the standard mortgage rate is now 11.5 per cent.

WHILE some Impressionist paintings sold in 1987 would be expected to fetch a lower price if sold today, prices for most other items at auction have risen steadily, say auctioneers. Impressionist paintings rose dramatically from 1987 until the end of 1990. The paintings that would now fetch lower prices than four years ago are second-rate ones which sold at high prices and have now returned to realistic levels according to Phillips, fine art auctioneers.

Antiques and paintings should not be viewed as investments, but they are by most owners, who want to feel they have an appreciating asset. Because no two pieces are exactly the same it is impossible to compare prices precisely but the Sotheby's Art Index gives a good indication of the international art market as a whole. This stood at \$12 at the end of 1987, having started at 100 in 1975. It had doubled by the end of 1989 to 1,038, and then fell back to 983 by the end of last year. When the dollar-based index is recalculated at the end of the year, a further fall is expected.

Christie's reports that traditional collectors have fared well over the four years. It is the speculators who have come unstuck. English and continental porcelain, nineteenth and twentieth century photographs, sporting guns, furniture, old master paintings and drawings and furniture have performed consistently well, says Christie's.

English furniture which ended 1987 at 634 in the Sotheby's index was at 867 by the end of last year. Phillips estimates that 12 George III carved mahogany dining chairs which sold in 1987 for £15,000 would now fetch £25,000. A Chippendale period carved gilt wood mirror sold for £7,500 four years ago could now attract £12,000.

The silver market has been very static during the four years, says Phillips. A George III cake basket sold for £12,000 in 1987 would sell for about the same price now. Christie's says that top quality pieces have performed well. European ceramics have also been strong. A London delaware table salt circa 1690 sold for £19,000 in 1987, would now be valued at £40,000. An early eighteenth century wassail bowl which was sold for £11,000 ahead of the crash would now be expected to sell for £40,000 at auction.

In 1987 a mid-nineteenth century Chinese fan sold for £480, in the most recent sale at Phillips a similar fan sold for £700.



INVESTMENT TRUSTS

INVESTMENT trusts took their fair share of battering from the crash but the number of private investors with money in these trusts was far lower than it is now.

Anyone investing £100 in the average investment trust, company at the beginning of October 1987, just before the crash, would have seen it fall to £75.90 by the beginning of November. According to statistics from Micropal, investment trusts did slightly better than the FT all-share index, which would have reduced £100 to £73.50 over the same period. By the beginning of December, the £100 in an investment trust would have been eroded further to £68.50, slightly better than the FT all-share, where the £100 would have been worth £66.20.

An investment of £5,000 just after the crash in the average investment trust would have been worth £8,000 four years later.

Although investment trusts showed a similar pattern to unit trusts during the crash, the Association of Investment Trust Companies said investment trusts performed better in a bull market and tended to be at a disadvantage if the market fell.

THOSE deciding not to drown their sorrows after the crash but to cellar their wine in the hope that it would make up for other losses will have done best if the wine was not ready for drinking in 1987.

1986 Bordeaux bought in the autumn of 1987 has risen by an average of 63 per cent, according to Lay & Wheeler, the wine merchants. With a few exceptions, semi-mature wine has not fared so well. 1982 Bordeaux have shown an average rise of 25.4 per cent.

Over the same period, 1963 vintage Croft port has increased by 2.9 per cent and the 1977 vintage an average 3.7 per cent. In the two years to the crash Warre's 1977 had risen by 46 per cent.

The auctioneer reports that wine prices peaked in 1989 and eased back last year. The sales so far this autumn show they are moving up again.

HOLDERS of with-profits life and pensions policies emerged relatively unscathed from the crash, at least in terms of the bonuses added to policies. These continued to increase every year, particularly on high-profile 25-year endowments, which are usually linked to mortgages. But companies are relying increasingly on terminal bonuses, added to policies the year they mature, while reversionary bonuses, added every year of the policy, are sometimes cut. The terminal bonus represents more than half the total payout from the majority of the top 10 insurers.

Insurance companies have pushed themselves to the limit in the last four years to increase bonuses on longer-term policies, cutting shorter ones and digging into their reserves in some cases to maintain levels. This year is

likely to be the first since the crash that bonuses will be cut across the board. Insurers can no longer afford the high levels.

The crash hit insurance company investments hard, because with-profits funds invest in equities as well as fixed-interest stocks and bonds. However, with-profits policies act to smooth out the peaks and troughs of the stock market, so investors whose policies matured in the year after the crash did not feel the impact.

Statistics from Planned Data Services show that on October 1, 1988, a year after the crash, two of the top insurers, Standard Life and Norwich Union, both raised reversionary bonuses slightly on a 25-year endowment policy for £100 a year taken out by a man aged 30 next birthday. Standard Life paid £4,031, up from £3,859 while Norwich Union paid out £6,087, up from £6,059. The company held its terminal bonus at £6,059 while Standard Life paid out £8,859, up from £8,619. Maturity values for policies from both companies increased, at Standard Life from £14,775 to £15,187 and at Norwich Union from £14,494 to £14,552.

Those who bought at the time of the crash have seen prices fall by around \$450 an ounce in October 1987 to \$490 by the end of the year. It then slid by \$130 until Kuwait was invaded in August last year, when it rallied to almost \$420 before falling back again.

Pre-crash, platinum was more valuable than gold, topping \$550 an ounce. After a brief \$600, it has fallen to almost \$200 below the October 1987 level.

INVESTORS who had piled eagerly into unit trusts watched with horror as share prices collapsed, losing individuals and companies billions of pounds in hours. Many of these investors were new to equity investment, tempted by a market boom which had lasted almost unbroken since 1975.

In the days just before the crash, £5,000 invested in the average unit trust six years earlier would have been worth £22,500, according to figures from Micropal, the investment statistics specialists. In the days after the crash, the value of the investment would have fallen by a third to £15,000. However, many unit trust groups suspended deal-

ings after the crash, making it difficult to tell how much their funds would have fallen. Micropal said that if all groups had continued to deal, funds would have probably fallen by between 25 and 30 per cent.

The value of a £5,000 investment in the average UK equity fund is now £6,716 after four years if all the income is reinvested. An investment of £100 in the Schroder UK Equity fund, the best performing UK equity fund since the crash, would now be worth £162. Investors in the sector's worst performing fund, Cornhill UK equity, would have seen their £100 fall to £90.49 over four years.

Those with money in Europe, the Far East and

America did not escape. With \$500 billion wiped off the New York Stock Exchange in one day on October 19, 1987, it was not surprising that a £100 investment in the best performing US fund, the Foreign & Colonial US Smaller Companies fund, fell by 8.9 per cent over five days. Over the four years since the crash £100 invested in the fund would have increased to £273.61. But investors in the Waverley Canadian Balanced Growth fund would now have only £63.10 for their £100.

A further mini-crash in October 1989, the uncertainties created by the Gulf crisis and a continuing recession pulled unit prices down again throughout most of last year.

BUILDING SOCIETIES AND NATIONAL SAVINGS

SAVERS with building society or bank accounts have fared relatively well since the crash. But the 22 bank base rate changes have made it difficult to keep track of competitive rates over the period.

Someone investing £5,000 on Black Monday in a Halifax Building Society 90-day account would today have £7,319.29 if they had made no withdrawals. Non-taxpayers could have more, as since April 6 this year savings institutions have been able to pay interest without deduction of tax. This can be done on accounts

belonging to people who have declared that they are non-taxpayers.

Interest rates fell after the crash. The low point was in the summer of 1988 when bank base rates came down to 7 per cent and Halifax savers with £5,000 were getting 6.25 per cent on the premium 90-day account. From the late summer of 1988 they began to rise until the 15 per cent base rate imposed in November 1989. This led eventually in March to a net return of 10.25 per cent on the 90-day account. Savers are now getting 6.79 per cent net on £5,000.

For non-taxpayers with National Savings investment accounts, so as not to pay tax unnecessarily, £5,000 invested on Black Monday would now be £7,600.33. During the four years, the lowest rate offered on the account was 8.5 per cent in the spring of 1988, and the highest was last year when it rose to 12.75 per cent.

Inflation was 30.8 per cent between October 1987 and September this year. That compares with the 46 per cent rise on the Halifax account after basic rate tax and the 52 per cent increase on the National Savings for non-taxpayers.

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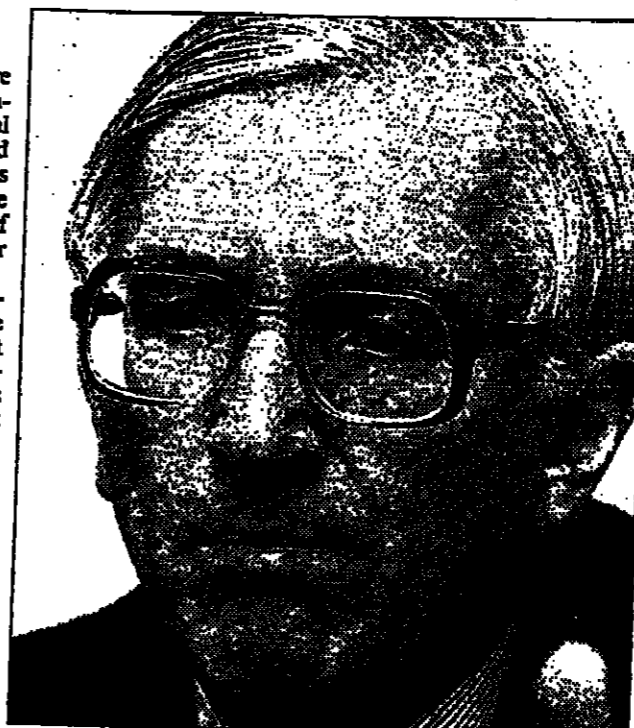
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Campaign for frank, open salesmen falls foul of SIB

By LINDSAY COOK
MONEY EDITOR



Tight-lipped: Sir David opposes disclosure rules

INVESTORS will get no more information on the commission paid to financial advisers under proposed regulations published this week, but they will learn more about the effects of the costs of the investment group on their estimated final pay out.

The Securities and Investments Board and the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation published disclosure proposals following a request last December from Peter Lilley, trade secretary, to review the amount of information given to investors before they sign an application form.

Mr Lilley and Sir Gordon Borrie, director general of fair trading, had called for disclosure of commission at the point of sale. This, they argued, was necessary for investors to assess the advice they were being given. There are substantial differences in the levels of commissions paid on different products and by different investment groups. These differences might sway some brokers in the advice they give.

Currently, investors are not told how much commission a broker will earn for suggesting an investment with a particular company until they have

agreed to buy the product. The information is then provided in the documents sent during the cooling off period. This is expressed as a percentage of annual premiums.

The buyer's guide given to investors also makes clear that they can ask financial advisers what they will receive and

should be given the answer. Few investors get time to read this before they agree to buy a policy.

Those who do get it do not feel bold enough to ask questions about commission. Kean Seager, managing director of Whitechurch Securities in Bristol says that he has

rarely been asked about commission by clients.

His company does, however, tell all clients what it will earn for selling them an investment.

With unit trusts, investment trusts and guaranteed income bonds this can be done immediately, he says. Some insurance policies are more complicated in the way they pay commission. In most cases the commission is higher than for the comparable non-insurance investment. For example, a unit trust pays 3 per cent to the broker and an investment bond about 5.5 per cent. The company's costs and expenses on the two investments may be similar. In most cases the bond is the worse deal for investors but better for the salesman. This will not be revealed under the proposed changes.

Investors will be given a summary of the key features of the product recommended. This will show how much the investor will get back if he or she cashes in a policy early. It will also include figures - expressed as a reduction in policy proceeds - showing the long-term impact of costs.

SIB, chaired by Sir David Walker, believes that this will be sufficient for investors to decide whether they are being advised correctly. The overall effect of life office costs is the same for tied agents or independent intermediaries, it argues.

Jean Eaglesham, head of money policy at the Consumers' Association said: "Without commissions disclosure at the point of sale, buying financial advice on products like life insurance is like shopping at a supermarket where there are no prices displayed, merely a promise to provide them on the other side of the checkout."

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Blighted house

DUE to lack of space, one of the articles previewed in the Business section for today's Weekend Money pages has had to be held over. The article, which gives warning that homeowners who help prospective buyers and allow them to carry out a survey to be carried out could end up with a blighted house. We apologise to readers for this.

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Insurance company to repay Centrust victims 'with reasonable link'

GRE raises compensation hopes

By JILL INSLEY

GUARDIAN Royal Exchange is set to make new offers of compensation to investors who lost money through Jake Reynolds, a GRE tied agent.

The insurance company says it expects to offer full repayments of premiums plus interest, totalling about £200,000, to a possible 200 regular premium policyholders.

Repayments will not be automatic. Policyholders will have to establish a "reasonable link" with GRE. Explaining, Tim Lloyd Williams, general manager financial services, says: "Where there is a link between the loss and GRE arising because Reynolds was a tied agent, there is no quibble. We have to take that on the chin."

"We are certainly not looking for a policy. A properly completed application form would be regarded as a clear link with GRE and monies invested."

The news will provide little relief to the 230 investors who have lost an estimated £8 million through Mr Reynolds's Norfolk financial advisory firm, Centrust. The firm ceased trading in February after the Bank of England took out an emergency injunction freezing Mr Reynolds's assets, and began investigating whether he had been taking illegal deposits.

It soon became clear that Norfolk police had been investigating the Croner firm's activities several months previously, and that GRE had been aware of the police enquiry.

The insurance company has since contacted all Centrust clients, and has separately offered £130,000 to 19 claimants who held GRE investment bonds. But more than half have refused to accept GRE's first offer of compensation, fearing they would lose



Flowers for £33,000: Lavinia and Frank Andrews, who lost their savings

the right to claim for even greater sums invested through Mr Reynolds. Mr Reynolds disappeared in February.

This month's expected compensation offer will come too late for many investors. Frank and Lavinia Andrews, pensioners, were forced to sell their seaside retirement home six months ago to raise money, and now share their son's house in Norwich. Mr Andrews has returned to work at the age of 77 as a stand-by

pharmacist to make ends meet.

The Andrews met Mr Reynolds in 1984 and invested £120,000 during the course of the next seven years. In the autumn of 1990 they withdrew two separate sums of £30,000 from their building society to invest through Centrust. Mr Reynolds said he would take care of the paperwork.

Then in February Mr Reynolds rang the Andrews and

and disappeared the next day. Her life has been destroyed."

GRE has compensated Mrs Andrews to the tune of £5,000 for an investment bond cashed by Mr Reynolds without permission.

Peter Buckell, a spokesman for the Centrust-GRE Investors Action Group, and his father Desmond could lose their home, if they continue to fall behind on mortgage repayments. The Buckells were advised by Mr Reynolds to remortgage.

Desmond Buckell's home for £70,000 to raise money for investment in Peter's business.

Part of the £70,000 was used for the business but Mr Reynolds said the rest should be invested with GRE. The interest from the investment would cover the mortgage, he said.

When Mr Reynolds vanished last February, the Buckells found they were nine months in arrears on their mortgage with lender National Home Loans. Peter Buckell says he has reduced the arrears to NIL by more than half, but the lender has taken out a repossession order on the house, which could be served from November 14 onwards, if his arrears are not cleared in the next 18 months.

Mr Lloyd Williams says lengthy checking of individual cases has been necessary to protect the interests of GRE policyholders. The company seems unlikely to pay out on bank deposits collected illegally by Mr Reynolds.

Mr Lloyd Williams says: "Personally I'm moved by a number of the cases which have been put to me. Of course I found a number of the cases very distressing, but the life funds cannot act as a solution to distressing cases."

This may puzzle those investors who believed they were GRE policyholders after investing through Centrust.

Safety of PINs queried

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

THE use of personal identification numbers to safeguard access to savings and cheque accounts via cash dispensers is called into question by a mother and daughter who were given the same number.

Mrs Marjorie Humphreys and Julia, her daughter, both have savings accounts with the same branch of Abbey National in Hornchurch, Essex, and lived at the same address when the numbers were issued.

Until recently, they were ignorant of this strange coincidence. Mrs. Humphreys said: "You never discuss your PIN number with anyone else. It is one of those things you keep secret. I have had mine for a few years and not told anyone the number."

"It was only when Julia needed some money and did not have time to get to the

bank that she gave me her card and wrote down the number," Mrs. Humphreys thought she must have got it wrong, but she was able to withdraw money from her daughter's account using the same PIN number as she herself has issued.

"People don't talk about their numbers. I wonder how many would find they have the same number as people close to them," Mrs. Humphreys said. Her daughter has changed her number.

Numbers are printed randomly by computers used by banks. They are then sealed in envelopes without any member of the bank staff seeing them.

Banks maintain that if lost or stolen cards are used by someone using the correct PIN number it must have been given to them by the account holder. Under the banking

code, banks will have to prove negligence or pay up when withdrawals are made after cards have been lost or stolen.

Laurence Shurman, the banking ombudsman, favours the replacement of numbers by biometric cards. These might involve customers' thumbprints. Alternatively, machines could scan the patterns on customers' retinas.

Representatives of the banks and building societies met Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, on Tuesday, to discuss plastic card crime. They plan to spend £500 million over the next five years on a range of measures. These include the extension of the electronic authorisation network, getting cards to customers by secure methods and raising public awareness of the dangers of plastic fraud.

BRIEFINGS

FROM next September, independent intermediaries joining the Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association will have to pass a minimum competence test before they are allowed to advise and sell investments covered by the Financial Services Act.

The Cheshunt Building Society has sent members details of its proposed merger with the Bristol & West society. There will be a special meeting for Cheshunt members on November 13 and if members agree, the merger will go ahead on December 30.

Cheshunt investors will receive a bonus of 0.5 per cent or £5 per account, whichever is greater, as long as they held an account on June 24 1991 with a balance of at least £100. Borrowers will have to pay one month's interest if they redeem their mortgage early rather than three. The rate of

interest will be brought into line with Bristol and West's.

FirstDirect, the telephone banking arm of the Midland bank, is offering a mortgage fixed at 9.99 per cent (APR 10.9 per cent) until September 30, 1993. The offer is available on pension or endowment mortgages. There is a redemption fee of three months' interest for early repayment. There will be an arrangement fee of £100.

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LETTERS

Charge for form may exceed interest to be paid

From A.E. Watson
Sir, May I add a word to the current controversy over bank charges.

On the abolition of the composite rate tax, tax is being deducted from bank interest at the standard rate and in appropriate cases such tax will, in part, or in total be repayable.

On enquiry at my bank as to what form of certificate will be

issued for production to the Inland Revenue to support such a claim I was informed that £8 (later reduced to £6.50) would be charged for the issue of such a certificate.

I imagine that in the case of bank interest no vast number of people will be involved, though that will be no consolation for those that are, but that surely will not be the case with building society interest. Are

the building societies going to charge for the issue of such a certificate and if not how can the banks justify such a charge which may, in a number of cases, exceed the amount repayable.

Yours faithfully,
A.E. WATSON,
1 Culloden Close,
Eaton Ford,
St. Neots,
Cambridgeshire.

He's been mugged by the financial advisers.



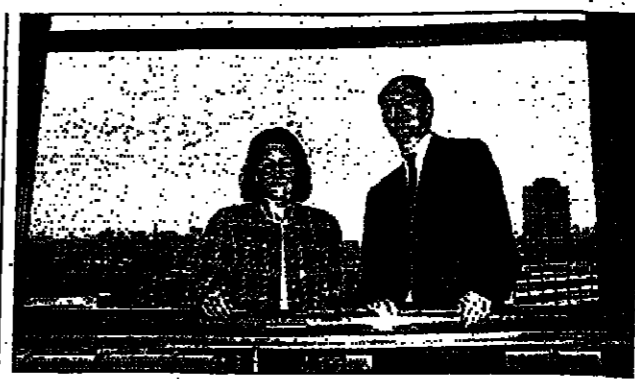
Relating to the public

From Mr G.P. Armstrong

Sir, As a moderate investor in the Nationwide Anglia Building Society I almost shed a tear to see the letter from their chief executive to yourself (Weekend Money, October 12) undertaking personally to deal with any enquiries or complaints not being satisfactorily serviced. For it reminded me so of my one-time employers, the former Distillers Company Limited, whose chairman, when confronted for the first time with a management consultant's advice that a public relations officer was needed, at once declared "there's only one person around here authorised to relate to the public and I am he".

Good luck to Tim Melville-Ross. My wife and I have been quite well served so far (and by his staff too), we wish them all well.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL ARMSTRONG,
Norley Farm, Shamley Green,
Guildford, Surrey.



Relaunch: Framlington's McMeen and Milford

Framlington buys Health Fund

THE best-performing unit trust over the last three years has changed ownership. The Health Fund, one of the smallest and most specialised unit trusts, was set up in 1987 by a Harley Street doctor for other doctors to invest in.

Since its launch, the £22 million fund has outperformed all others in its sector. At the beginning of 1989, Medical Investments transferred the investment management of the portfolio to Anthony Milford, of Framlington Unit Management. Now Framlington has bought the fund and is relaunching it.

To encourage investment in the fund, which has 350 existing unit holders, Framlington is offering a 1 per cent bonus until November 29. The initial charge is 5.5 per cent and the annual management fee is 1.5 per cent. The fund invests in some large pharmaceutical companies, and also backs small companies with potential for growth. Many are involved in reducing the costs of modern medicine. One company,

called Tokos, installs monitors in the homes of pregnant women, to identify contractions which may lead to a premature birth. Each time it is successful it saves the cost of 12 weeks use of an incubator, which may be \$100,000.

Anthony Milford said: "The Eighties saw an unprecedented rise in the number of healthcare companies listed on the world's stock exchanges. The market is vast. The way things are looking the Nineties should prove to be an even more exciting decade for healthcare investment opportunities."

About 60 per cent of the fund is invested in American companies, adding a currency risk to that of investing in companies involved in research, development and biotechnology.

One company,

Fimbria replies

From the chairman of Fimbria
Sir, I am surprised at the venom in Lindsay Cook's Comment "Innocent will pick up Fimbria pieces" (October 5).

To help redress the balance may I point out:

1. That the review commissioned by the Securities and Investments Board covers the whole field of retail regulation, not just Fimbria (Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association).

2. The review is to be completed early in 1992. Why, then, do investors "face years of wrangling and uncertainty while the Securities and Investments Board decides who should authorise and regulate independent financial advisers?"

3. Of course, under the Inves-

tors' Compensation Scheme, those who do not cause losses pay for those who do. That is the nature of insurance.

4. To say that Fimbria wanted to "wriggle out" of its compensation liabilities is a travesty. We were advised that the rules of the Investors' Compensation Scheme were ultra vires in providing no cut-off date for liabilities and this view was upheld by the High Court. I take it Ms Cook would not wish us knowingly to connive in unlawful payments.

5. To suggest that Sir Kenneth Clucas will not be impartial in his review is unworthy. Yours faithfully,
GORDON DOWNEY,
Financial Intermediaries, Managers and Brokers Regulatory Association,
Hertsmere House,
Hertsmere Road,
E14.

Awaiting payment

From C.T. Wyatt

Sir, I was interested to see the letter from Mr Hardyman (Weekend Money, October 12) and the very appropriate cartoon "Waiting for Godot". My tax adviser wrote to Scottish Widows on June 26 and again on October 1 for pension premium certificates covering the years 1987-8, 88-9, 89-90 and 90-1 so far without result. This was not the first time.

The amount of tax to be reclaimed is now more than £20,000 and the interest cost to me more than £2,000 each year. Do you agree that I have a good case to recover this from Scottish Widows? Yours faithfully,
C.T. WYATT,
The White House,
St Martin's Avenue,
Epsom, Surrey.

Forced to pay commission

From Dr F.H.H. Valentin

Sir, I was not surprised to read (Weekend Money, October 12) of the inadequate standards set by Lantoro. But why should one be forced to pay large commissions to "financial advisers", who often know less about insurance products than oneself, in order to invest one's money in a

personal pension, forced to indeed by the income tax rules for the self-employed? So much for this wonderful "choice" so beloved by our prime minister. Yours faithfully,
F.H.H. VALENTIN,
Elm Tree House,
Letchworth,
Hertfordshire.

'Swallowed' card returned in 14 hours

From A.M. Kerr

Sir, We hear a lot of bad P.R. about banks and obviously a lot is true and accurate. However, last week, my card was "swallowed" by a Barclay's cash machine whilst attempting to change the PIN number. As I was going away urgently on business at the

time the Yarm branch and Stokesley branch, after security checks, were able to deliver my card within 14 hours. Both staff could not have been more co-operative. Yours faithfully,
A.M. KERR,
Rook House, Skutumpah,
Yarm, Cleveland.

Costly closure

From Mr J. Barton

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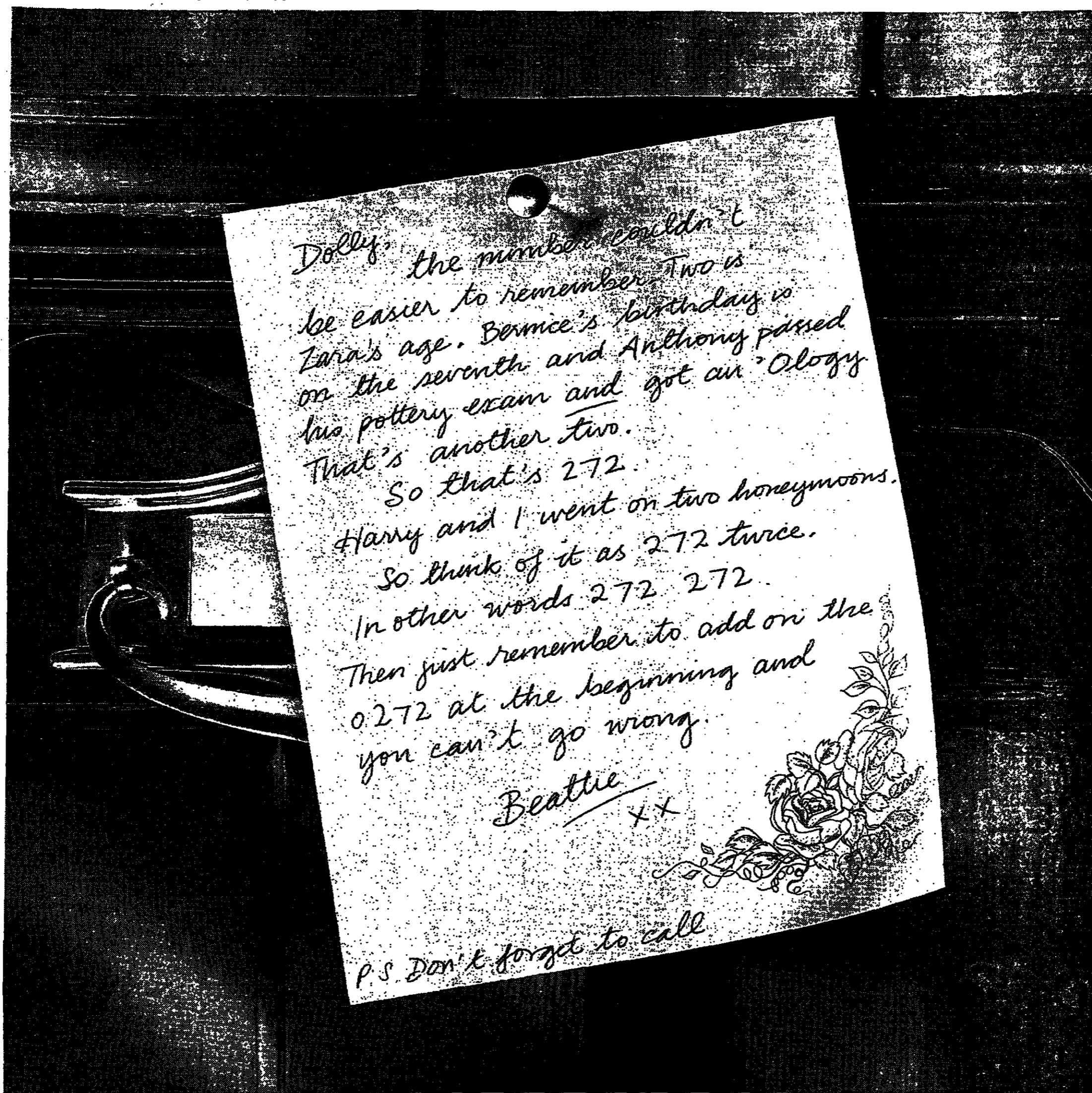
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McLarens gain psychological advantage in first practice for the decisive grand prix in Japan

Mansell and Senna swap warnings

From NORMAN HOWELL in SUZUKA

THE prospect of Nigel Mansell suffering a frustrating end to his world championship aspirations here emerged yesterday as the McLaren of Gerhard Berger and Ayrton Senna were fastest in first practice for the Japanese grand prix tomorrow. Mansell was third fastest, but, on a circuit which will make overtaking difficult, the McLaren drivers may simply be able to keep the Williams behind them and decide the title in Senna's favour.

Thousands watched while Eric Bernard, the Lola driver, broke his left leg and Alessandro Zanardi confirmed his promise by finishing seventh quickest. But the interest centres on the destination of the championship, in which Senna, the holder, has a 16-point advantage over Mansell with only the Australian grand prix remaining. Mansell must win both to retain a chance of the title but Senna need only finish second behind him to take his third drivers' crown. Victory

for Berger would virtually hand the championship to his McLaren colleague.

The two contenders have been making gladiatorial noises since the Formula One circus arrived here. "I will do my talking on the track," Mansell said. "I have received threats and hate mail from Brazil but I don't care easily. I will not be as benevolent as Alain Prost has been in the past on this circuit." For the last two years here, Prost and Senna have crashed, deciding the championship in acrimonious circumstances.

Senna said: "We will have to see how committed he is and how far he is prepared to go. But he must realise that an accident will only result in his becoming once more the world champion." The Brazilian said that he had tried to come to an agreement with Mansell "to fight clean", describing Mansell as a man who always races hard.

"But now that the pressure is really on, he is liable to make the kind of strategic

choices that will lead to an accident," Senna said ominously.

But it might not come to that if the grid positions remain as they are after final practice today. Mansell admitted that this is a hard track on which to overtake.

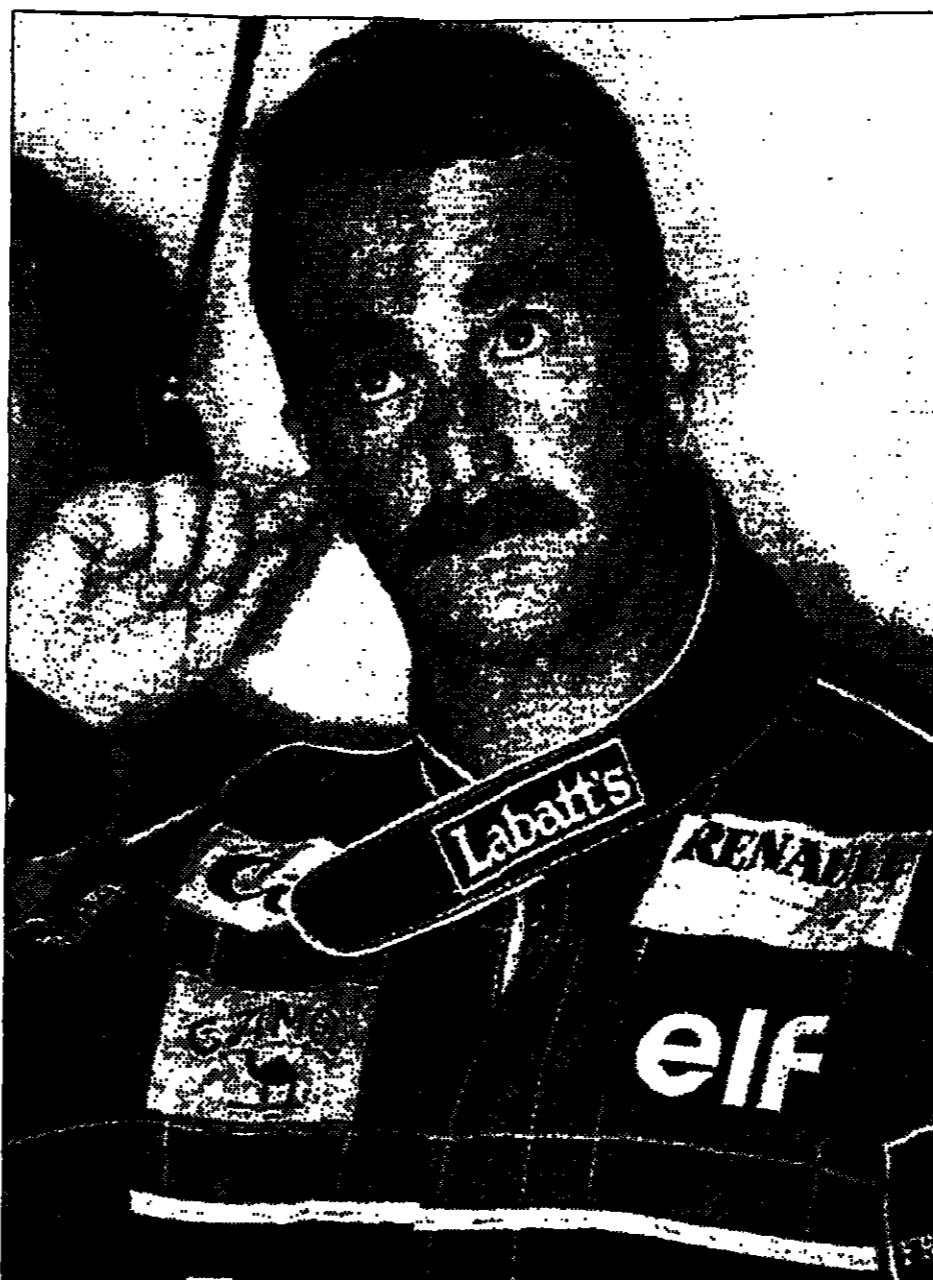
If that is the case Mansell's chances of victory, barring accidents to Senna, do not look good. McLaren have brought four cars to Japan and have been working round the clock at their Woking headquarters to have the modified chassis ready for this race.

Bernard's accident is a blow for Larrousse, a team which has been struggling this season to find the money to compete. Zanardi had an excellent qualifying session in the Jordan, finishing seven places ahead of his team colleague, Andrea de Cesaris.

This is the first grand prix attended by Max Mosley as the new president of Fisa, the sport's governing body. Of the contractual problems which have bedevilled the sport, Mosley said: "I will only look after the sporting side of things. But I will say that in all of these commercial and legal matters we must maintain a high degree of morality."

He said he would not speak to Mansell and Senna about the race tomorrow. "I have no advice to offer these drivers. It would be undignified for me to do so. They are professionals and I, like everyone else, expect them to act that way."

If they do, and the incidents of the past two years are not repeated, the sport may benefit with the championship still alive in Adelaide next month.



Timekeeper: Mansell, third fastest, listening to lap times in Suzuka yesterday

Henry Kelly

When a nation's fervour fuels the battle strain

Assuming the referees for the Rugby World Cup quarter-finals this weekend are fluent linguists, they would do well to have some stern words of warning for some of the captains before they and their teams take the field.

Come lunchtime today, Scots and Western Samoans will stand to attention while the home team belts out a tune that suggests not so much an impending sports event but the imminent danger for the entire Scottish nation.

What else are we to make of the nation state as a flower, asks "When will we see your likes again/That fought and died for your wee bit, hill and glen?"

Given half a chance, one assumes, too, the Samoans will perform their version of the New Zealand haka. Have you heard the translation?

The haka, they tell me, is not written down, but is of the oral and thus aural tradition.

Ka Mate! Ka Mate! Ka Ora! Ka Ora! Die! I Die! Live! I Live! Much thigh-slapping and fist-clenching and waving occurs.

In Paris, the ever-sophisticated French will take on England. The French will inform their supporters that the *jour de gloire* (day of glory) has arrived, and to celebrate this they will suggest that every Tomas, Richard and Henri among them should arm themselves, form themselves into coherent groups and march off somewhere: the sunset presumably.

With great dignity, should their anthem be sung first stanza only, the ever-polite English will simply put in a request that Her Majesty the Queen be allowed to reign for ever — well, for a long time anyway — and even then only over the British. Not even a hint of imperialism there.

And so to tomorrow in Lille. The Canadians, a decent nation if ever there was one, will, with some justification, suggest their part of the continent is "the true North" that is "strong and free", and, with a gentle appeal to the Almighty to

keep Canada "glorious and free", they will have a chance to watch the New Zealanders doing the war dance number. The jump at the end is not, incidentally, line-out practice but a reference to the lamented poem which suggests that escape is to be had from life's little problems by legging it up the nearest rope-ladder.

After years of worrying about it, the Australians hit upon "Advance Australia Fair" as their national tune, except for real and viceregal occasions when "God Save the Queen" is sung too. The tune best, "Waltzing Matilda" by 2.9 million votes to 1.9 million in a national referendum. How could anyone be frightened by it? It is clearly an Australian play to lure people into a false sense of security and decency; otherwise why could such a macho-loving nation allow 15 of its biggest men to stand in a field and shout: "Australians all, let us rejoice for we are young and free!"

We've got golden soil and wealth for toil; our home is in the bush. Go on, be honest tell me the last time you met an Australian with a can of beer who looked at you and said: "To suggest any Australian rugby player can sing in joyful melody is stretching the imagination."

"D'ya know what mate? My land is girth by sea at home, isn't that fantastic?" And to suggest that any Australian rugby player can, as his anthem claims, sing in "joyful strains" is stretching imagination too far. But, wait for this: the Irish national anthem. Now here's one for custodians of law and order. The lads will stand to attention tomorrow in Dublin and suggest that later on that evening we are all going on a mission. Where? I'll tell you where: the good old *beanna-bail*, that's where.

Literally translated it means "ap of danger." Include me out of that one, lads. But wait, there's more: while we are heading with packed lunches, a map and sandwiches for this wretched gap, we will be doing so under the "canon's roar and riles" peal. The comforting thing is this: since hardly anyone at Lansdowne Road tomorrow will understand a word of it, we can all sleep easy.

HOCKEY

Hounslow face key match

By SYDNEY FRISKIN

WITH only goal difference separating the leading four teams, Hounslow, Southgate, Havant and Stourport, the race for leadership in the Pizza Express National League continues today, with special interest in the game between Hounslow and Stourport at Kidderminster.

Missing from the Hounslow defence are Hazlett and Ford-

ham, both unavailable, but Mackney, now recovered from illness, rejoins the rearguard. Robert Thompson, the centre forward, who was unfit last week, is travelling with the squad. Stourport are relying on the sharpness of Sherwin and Knott in attack. A back injury keeps Matthew Sutton out.

With Freeman and Welch now prominent in attack,

Irish men eliminated

Auckland — Ireland are out of next year's Barcelona Olympic Games after losing 2-1 to New Zealand in a stormy qualifying match yesterday; five players were temporarily suspended.

New Zealand took the lead when Russ Craig converted a penalty corner after 14 minutes.

Three minutes before the break, Robbie Taylor forced a penalty which he converted. Peter Miskimin hit the winner.

RESULTS: Men: Pool A: Soviet Union 5, Japan 1; New Zealand 2, Ireland 1; Canada 3, Italy 3; Women: Pool A: Germany 3, France 1; South Korea 3, Japan 1; New Zealand 2, United States 0.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Fox revives Bradford spirit

By KEITH MACKLIN

THE much-heralded return of Peter Fox to Bradford Northern as manager-coach has transformed the atmosphere at Odsal, where a week ago, nobody thought the team had a chance of beating Castleford in the final of the Yorkshire Cup at Elland Road tomorrow.

Fox is still lionised by Northern supporters who recall the spate of trophies won in the Seventies and Eighties before the club fell on hard times and Fox led to throw in his lot with Leeds and then with Featherstone Rovers.

Fox developed a reputation as a coach who could transform basic metal into gold and ordinary players into world beaters. His strength in the past had been to build successful squads on the solid base of hard tackling, though in his recent experiences with Featherstone

that touch temporarily failed him as Rovers suffered some thumping defeats. When Northern, themselves disillusioned with failure in cup and league, made their approach to him, there was only one decision he could make. The return of the cunning Fox means that the Yorkshire Cup is now a contest instead of a one-horse race.

David Hobbs can now relax and produce his best form as a player, and if the Fox magic works, unpredictable and inconsistent Castleford, who have lost three of their six league games this season, will face unexpectedly stiff opposition.

In the Lancashire final at Warrington, St Helens appear to have the trophy sewn up in what is regarded as an even firmer one-horse bet against Rochdale Hornets. The Saints are having an excellent run in

the first division, despite a large crop of injuries, while Hornets are not having their own way in the second division.

There seems no way that Hornets can produce a shock tomorrow. However, they have lively backs in Clark, the experienced Australian half back, and Abrams and Calland, the young centres. If the Hornets pack can scale the heights against the Saints' forwards, led by Mann and Ward, they can make a game of it, even in defeat.

The dispute between Widnes and Martin Offiah, the Great Britain wing, hardened on Thursday night when he failed to turn up for training after his injury had been cleared by a specialist. Offiah is determined to leave Widnes, and the Widnes directors, determined that he will stay, will discuss the matter on Tuesday.

GUIDE TO THE WEEKEND FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

3.00 unless stated
Barclays League
First division

Chelsea v Liverpool
Coventry v Crystal Palace
Everton v Aston Villa
Luton v Sheffield Wed
Manchester Utd v Arsenal (at ticket)
Norwich v Ipswich
Oxford v West Ham
Sheff Wed v Nott Forest
Southampton v Norwich
Tottenham v Chelsea
Wimbledon v QPR

Second division

Barnsley v Bristol City
Bristol Rovers v Plymouth
Charlton v Brighton
Derby County v Portsmouth
Gillingham v Middlesbrough
Ipswich v Millwall
Leicester v Wolves (at ticket)
Newcastle v Oxford
Port Vale v Sunderland
Swindon v Blackburn
Watford v Southend

Third division

Birmingham v Wigan
Bolton v Luton
Brentford v Torquay
Bristol City v Brentford
Bristol Rovers v Torquay
Dagenham v Shrewsbury
Hartlepool v Hull
Leiston v Exeter
Oxford v Exeter
Preston v Huddersfield
Widnes v Walsley
Wrexham v Stoke

Fourth division

Barnet v Blackpool
Burton v Walsley
Crewe v Scarborough
Doncaster v Gillingham
Halifax v Chesterfield
Macclesfield v Cardiff
Northampton v Southport
Wrexham v Carlisle
York v Lincoln

GK Vauxhall Conference

Altrincham v Slough
Aston v Wycombe
Cheltenham v Northwich
Macclesfield v Northwich
Merthyr v Welling
Redditch v Barrow
Runcorn v Kidderminster
Sutton v Gillingham
Widnes v Walsley
Wrexham v Stoke

B and Q Scottish League
Premier division

Aberdeen v St Mirren
Dundee Utd v St Johnstone
Dundee v Aberdeen
Falkirk v Celtic
Hibernian v Motherwell
Rangers v Hearts

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Clydebank v Ayr Utd
Forfar v Raith Rovers
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Alliss and Clark keep continuity

By KEN LAWRENCE

I REGRET having to take issue with that most respected purveyor of words, Charles Nevill, but needs must. In *7 Times* a week ago, he said "nothing says the same any more". He is clearly no golfing man, for, an occasional change in sponsorship apart, the World Match Play has remained very much the same since 1964.

It is a uniquely British head-to-head confrontation between the world's finest (with the odd exception, perhaps, such as the absent Olazábal this year). Thirty-six hole matches each day on the fearsome Wentworth West Course, with golf at its most supreme.

If Peter Alliss and his golfing goffer, Clive Clark, were not at Wentworth each October, then I would concur with Nevill. Clark, of course, is the one you hear but rarely see as he tramps through the rough at the behest of his master looking for the balls that go astray. The faithful Clive is always on the spot and always finds it, imparting the good news or the bad to millions of BBC viewers before heading off in the direction of the next wayward shot.

Clark and Alliss are friends from their playing days, colleagues on television for 15 years and business partners for the past four, designing and building courses. They have completed two, at Castle

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THE WEEK IN VIEW

Combe, in Wiltshire, and Alcázar, in southern Spain, and have five more under construction. One for Lord Brockley at Brockley Hall, near Welwyn, already being sited. Clark, aged 46, who played Ryder and Walker Cup golf, plays little today — "Just once or twice a month, he says — but when he puts his mind to it, he still goes around Sunningdale in par. He finds immense satisfaction and enjoyment in designing courses. You look at a site and pick out its features. You do a layout trying to avoid taking down too many trees. But I do not like to make them too difficult: some courses are too tough for amateurs. No-one likes losing lots of balls and then putting all the while, do they?"

Clark thinks the World Match Play is "a wonderful event. At the end of every day, you have a black and white situation". He will be there again over the next two days with Alliss, finding if not felling and bringing the black and white situations of the semi-finals and final to viewers in colour (BBC1, 2.15pm to 10.30am tomorrow).

THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

TODAY: Western Samoa take on Scotland (ITV, 1.00pm) followed by England's Rugby World Cup quarter-final against France in Grandstand (BBC, 12.15pm), the last four in the World Match Play golf battle off at Wentworth (approx 12.20pm, 1.15pm, 3.10pm and 4.00pm).
TOMORROW: The semi-finals of rugby's World Cup will be resolved this afternoon (Screensport, 12.30pm-4.00pm; ITV, 12.40pm-5.00pm). Nigel Mansell's Formula One championship aspirations may also be resolved (BBC2, live at 4.50pm, highlights at 9.00pm). The World Match Play final is on BBC1 from 10.30am, continuing in Sunday Grandstand (BBC2 from 1.00pm). There will be a first division football match on ITV (5.00pm).
MONDAY: Grand prix snooker continues in Reading (BBC2, 2.50pm-6.30pm).

TUESDAY: James Cook defends his European super-middleweight crown (Screensport, 9.30pm) and Stagger O'Keefe fights Ian Stroudwick for the British title (Screensport, 9.00pm).
WEDNESDAY: The Volvo Masters golf is live on Screensport (3.00pm). BBC1 (2.15pm) has racing from Newbury and BBC2 (2.15pm) the fourth round of the snooker from Reading.
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FRIDAY: The BBC's story of motor racing, *The Power and The Glory* (BBC2, 8.30pm), reaches episode four.

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A tribute to Audi. From a Mercedes driver.



KLAUS LUDWIG, MERCEDES DRIVER. AUTOSPORT, 3RD OCTOBER 1991.

For the second year running, Audi has won The German Touring Car Championship. A result that was achieved with an Audi V8 that has a great deal in common with its showroom counterpart. Indeed, in the final race at Hockenheim, our

442 bhp, V8s came home in the first four places.

So our condolences to Herr Ludwig, but next year we suggest he puts his foot down. And insists on driving an Audi V8.

VORSPRUNG DURCH TECHNIK.



1991 GERMAN TOURING CAR CHAMPIONS

In The Groove to maintain fillies' grip on Champion

TWELVE months ago, a run in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe did not prevent In The Groove from winning the Dubai Champion Stakes 13 days later. It may not do so again at Newmarket today.

If she does succeed, David Elsworth's four-year-old will not only emulate Triphix, the last filly to win it twice, but become the thirteenth member of her sex to win the race in the last 20 years.

In The Groove enters the fray today having run much better at Longchamps this year than she did last. On that occasion she finished ninth, this time she was sixth.

With the notable exception of Suave Dancer, she was going as well as any at today's shorter distance and she can win again now that she reverts to 10 furlongs.

Ristina, the other filly in the field, was an impressive winner of the Sun Chariot Stakes over today's course and distance a fortnight ago after being beaten easily by Desert Sun at Doncaster before that.

Explaining the difference yesterday, John Gosden told me, as a result of too hard a race first time out, Ristina had become a worrier.

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No matter how he fares on Ristina, Lester Piggott should win the Tote Cesarewitch again, this time on Tamarrpour.

Those who can recall Lester winning this stamina test on Major Rose (1968), John Cherry (1976) and Popsa's Joy (1980) will know that Martin Pipe has entrusted the task of lending a sustained ante-post gamble to a safe pair of hands.

Tamarrpour has been rested and then trained especially with today's race in mind since winning the Northumberland Plate at Newcastle at the end of June. By all accounts, this preparation has gone like clockwork, so much so that connections are positively exuding confidence.

Star Player, who won the Chester Cup and started favourite for the Plate, is another who has been trained especially with today in mind. He won his preparatory race at Kempton, even though the distance was basically short of his ideal, and I expect him to prove the principal danger to my nap.

Britain's choice

Clive Brittain's plans for today's Dubai Champion Stakes depend on the weather. Sikeston will represent the stable in the event of heavy overnight rain; if not, Terimon will be the British runner. Only one of the pair will run and Michael Roberts will ride.

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

reacts during the preliminaries before having a bet.

Having beaten the consistent Stagecraft in the Eclipse Stakes, Environment Friend is clearly capable of playing a prominent role. His comprehensive defeat by Suave Dancer in Ireland became all the more explicable after the latter's Arc victory.

While Crasheen and Marja are also capable of running big races, both have been plagued by injury. Marja has not raced since July while Crasheen had a comeback race a fortnight ago but failed to convince.

Young Buster, on the other hand, should give his supporters a good run without being able to beat In The Groove.

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2.05 Danza Heights. 2.35 Monaru. 3.05 Prince Meternich. 3.35 Flighty Guest. 4.05 The Yank. 4.35 Clay County. 5.05 Tallywagger.

THUNDERER

2.05 Lethian Rose. 2.35 Monaru. 3.05 Pinemartin. 3.35 Flighty Guest. 4.05 Castle King. 4.35 Achillibue. 5.05 Fooling With Fire.

GOING: FIRM

2.05 STICHLINOVES HURDLE

(11.7.16.2m) (8 runners)

- 1 DANZA HEIGHTS 14 (C.D.F.) M. G. Reavley 5-11-12. P. Niven
- 2 COLOCOLOGY 676 M. Hammond 8-11-10. C. Beasley (7)
- 3 TALL MEASURE 178 D. Swinfield 5-11-10. M. O'Brien
- 4 LAW CHAMBERS 31F M. Naughton 4-10-13. J. Callaghan
- 5 PIPER O'DRUMMOND 227 M. S. B. 5-11-10. J. Gorman
- 6 HAZEL LEAF 7 M. McDonald 5-10-10. K. Jones
- 7 LOTTIAN ROSE 18 M. G. Reavley 5-11-12. M. O'Brien
- 8 VETERAN 31 M. G. Reavley 5-11-12. M. O'Brien

7-4 Danza Heights, 5-11 Hazel Leaf, 5-2 Tall Measure, 5-11 Venerian Sky, 5-11 Lottian Rose, 10-11 Law Chambers, 12-1 others.

2.35 BBC RADIO NEWCASTLE SPORT FM HANDICAP HURDLE

(Amateurs: £1,500: 2m) (8 runners)

- 1 THE LAUGHING LORD 148 (D.F.) M. A. Stephenson 5-11-10. P. Niven
- 2 MONARU 14 (D.F.) M. G. Reavley 5-11-12. M. O'Brien
- 3 GULLAWAY GAT 173 (D.F.) M. Hammond 8-11-10. S. Lyons (7)
- 4 DROVERS ROAD 8 M. Naughton 4-10-13. J. Callaghan
- 5 TRUE FAIR 8 M. Lamb 5-10-10. G. White (7)
- 6 MARCOTTE 15 M. Lamb 5-10-10. G. White (7)
- 7 UNCLE VOLVO 15 (D.F.) M. G. Reavley 5-11-12. M. O'Brien
- 8 THE LAUGHING LORD 148 (D.F.) M. A. Stephenson 5-11-10. P. Niven

9-4 Monaru, 7-2 Monaru, 4-1 Gullaway GAT, 11-2 The Laughing Lord, 7-1 True Fair, 10-1 Uncle Volvo, 12-1 Drovers Road.

3.05 GREENMANTLE ALE ANTHONY MARSHALL TROPHY

(£2,871: 3m) (4 runners)

- 1 PRINCE METERNICH 15 (D.F.) M. G. Reavley 5-11-12. M. O'Brien
- 2 TASAR 30 (D.F.) M. G. Reavley 5-11-12. M. O'Brien
- 3 PRINCE METERNICH 15 (D.F.) M. G. Reavley 5-11-12. M. O'Brien
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5-4 Pinemartin, 7-4 Prince Meternich, 5-2 Taser, 10-1 Northern Meadow.

Blinkered first time

NEWMARKET: 2.35 Gilly, 4.20 Puffin, 5.25 Access Flyer, Carousell Love, CATTYRICK BRODIE, 2.00 Running For Cover.

SOUTHWELL

MANDARIN

2.30 Geostar. 3.00 Blue Disc. 3.30 Wedding Feast. 4.00 M. Babe. 4.30 Team Leader. 5.00 King Of Shadows.

THUNDERER

2.30 Geostar. 3.00 Blue Disc. 3.30 Wedding Feast. 4.00 River Bounty. 4.30 Dances Destiny. 5.00 Mubarrat.

GOING: STANDARD (ALL-WEATHER); GOOD, GOOD TO FIRM PATCHES (TURF)

2.30 FRANCES LILIAN RILEY MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE

(£2,285: 2m) (7 runners)

- 1 PURA MONEY 14 (D.F.) M. G. Reavley 5-11-12. M. O'Brien
- 2 GOSTAR 34 (D.F.) M. G. Reavley 5-11-12. M. O'Brien
- 3 MASTER SALESMAN 36 (D.F.) M. G. Reavley 5-11-12. M. O'Brien
- 4 SIMPLE PLEASURE 38 (D.F.) M. G. Reavley 5-11-12. M. O'Brien
- 5 QUARRY TOWN 14 (D.F.) M. G. Reavley 5-11-12. M. O'Brien
- 6 THE GREEN STUFF 17 (D.F.) M. G. Reavley 5-11-12. M. O'Brien
- 7 STRAIGHT DOWN 10 (D.F.) M. G. Reavley 5-11-12. M. O'Brien

13-6 Geostar, 7-2 Pura Money, 5-1 Simple Pleasure, 7-1 The Green Stuff, 10-1 Master SaleSMAN, 12-1 Straight Down, 15-1 Quarry Town.

3.00 OAK SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

(All-weather: £1,577: 2m) (4 runners)

- 1 BLAKES PROGRESS 14 (D.F.) M. G. Reavley 5-11-12. M. O'Brien
- 2 HATENY MAP 24 (D.F.) M. G. Reavley 5-11-12. M. O'Brien
- 3 BLUE DISC 24 (D.F.) M. G. Reavley 5-11-12. M. O'Brien
- 4 ROCKMARTIN 27 (D.F.) M. G. Reavley 5-11-12. M. O'Brien

4-6 Blake's Progress, 5-1 Blue Disc, 5-1 Hateny Map, 5-1 Rockmartin.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J. Upson, 10 winners from 24 runners, 41.7%; G. Lyons, 8 from 23, 34.8%; M. Pops, 5 from 20, 25.0%; B. Bradley, 4 from 21, 19.0%; J. Lough, 4 from 23, 17.4%; C. Brennan, 4 from 20, 20.0%.

JOCKEYS: D. Blythe, 3 from 17, 17.6%; R. Suggs, 3 from 22, 13.6%; G. Lyons, 3 from 22, 13.6%; R. Bagnall, 3 from 23, 13.0%; J. Ratten, 4 from 22, 18.2% (Only qualifiers).

NEWMARKET

MANDARIN	THUNDERER	RICHARD EVANS
1.55 Swordsick.	1.55 Pelorus.	1.55 Swordsick.
2.35 In The Groove.	2.35 In THE GROOVE	2.35 Young Buster.
3.05 Shualana.	(nap).	3.45 FARSIS (nap).
3.45 TAMARPOUR	3.05 Hamanaka.	
(nap).	3.45 Misc.	
4.20 Fataful.	4.20 Arturian.	
4.50 Snadale.	4.50 Snadale.	
5.25 Full Cry.	5.25 Full Cry.	

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.35 Ristina. 4.50 FURAJET (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM

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Samoans relish their role as rugby's warriors

The winds which buffeted the north for most of the week may prove an unwelcome omen for the Scots this afternoon at Murrayfield. As the Welsh, Australians and Argentinians will testify, the Western Samoans do not need the fourth anniversary of the October hurricane as an excuse to uproot trees.

A glimpse of the Samoan team room might not lift the locals' morale either. So many messages have spluttered through the fax machine at the team's hotel, the walls are papered with good-will. Many of them reflect the religious conviction which has imbued the Samoans' Rugby World Cup journey with more than a touch of the crusading spirit.

"To Fats and the Boys," says one from the Western Samoan Visitors' Bureau, "Read aloud Philipians, Chapter 4, Verse 13. I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me." From the Boys' Brigade of Western Samoa: "We are still behind the curtains in prayers for the team."

Intercepting the latest batch of messages is one of the most pleasant tasks of the day for Tati Simi, the team manager, who would otherwise be contemplating another day at the Labour Commission offices in Apia, the capital of Samoa.

Simi rises early, partly because he cannot sleep, partly because he does not want to miss one second of the adventure. "I lie awake thinking about what we have

The World Cup has been shaken and stirred by a Pacific island team that is making quite an impact, Andrew Longmore discovers

done. It was a pipedream before, but now we are competing with the top nations and with our success, rugby is not just a pastime for Samoans anymore, it's becoming part of the culture." So much so that at last tomorrow, Western Samoa time, 20,000 people will flock to the main stadium in Apia to watch the quarter-final against Scotland. No rugby is played on a Sunday in the islands, but strict observance of the day has been set aside for observance of a different kind.

Courtesy of Television New Zealand, who installed a satellite dish in Apia, the Samoans have watched their team live on screen for the first time. So many have done so, two extra screens have had to be added to the five already in the stadium. "They are travelling miles by bus from the villages to be there," Simi said. "And the good thing is that a lot of the old people are watching us too. It's not just the new rugby generation."

"Fats" (Peter Fatialofa, the captain) and "the Boys", of course, are loving every minute of the exposure. For a race which has repelled, absorbed and survived generations of foreign influence — from the United States, Germany, France and New Zealand — this is a heaven-sent opportunity to even the

score, and the Samoans have no intention of letting it go just yet.

After their final full training session on Thursday, the team sang a special "thank-you" anthem for the benefit of an Australian television crew. The distinctive harmonies were swiftly borne away on a numbing wind, but, for just a moment, a bleak Scottish day was warmed by an image of Pacific island sunshine.

Anyone transferring such romantic notions to the rugby field, however, had best take a look at limbs which have felt the full weight of the Samoans' worship of the physical. They might learn their rugby with sticks or sandals instead of footballs, might learn their close-handling skills because space is so tight six matches have to be played simultaneously on one small piece of ground, but the main influences on their game come from Australian rugby league and American football.

At least a dozen Samoans already feature prominently in American football and Timoteo Tagaloa has a letter from the Los Angeles Raiders to prove how close he came to joining them. Samoans, as their technical director, Bryan Williams, so aptly puts it, just love banging

into people. "Samoans are combative, warrior-like. That's why they like rugby. Soccer is regarded as a namby-pamby game."

Williams has harnessed this enthusiasm to the limit. A little beyond, some of the Argentinians might say. "Tackling can be taught, but really aggressive tackling is instinctive. If you have 15 guys committed to the idea of knocking people over, that gets the opposition in two minds. The difference, I think, between us and some of the home teams is that we regard tackling as an offensive, not a defensive, weapon." Asked if he has been surprised at the reaction to the team's tackling, Williams barely conceals a smile. "A little."

Manu Samoa, the legendary warrior whose spirit the team embodies, would share the smile and doubtless see eye to eye too with Fatialofa, the most famous Pacific-chief in rugby and the outside symbol of the Samoans' success.

Fatialofa has seven sisters and eight brothers, which is a fair tonnage for the planet to shoulder, and his seven-year-old son has inherited his father's instincts. "He has already been told to cool it by his teachers because he tackles too hard," he says. Fatialofa can hardly believe he will be leading his team into a World Cup quarter-final this afternoon. "The whole thing has built up a momentum of its own. Like the man himself, that might take some stopping."



Tackling their task: Bapoch embodies the Samoans' defensive determination during a training session in Scotland

Wallabies fail to hold their own

Sydney — The Rugby World Cup in the British Isles and France is not exactly taking them by storm in Australia, never mind that Australian scribes are dutifully filing their stories, correctly enough, that the Wallabies are favourites.

The majority of Australians are reaching for another beer and turning to the racing results, at least if the local press is any guide. Two mornings before the quarter-final between Australia and Ireland in Dublin, The Australian gave bigger headlines to England's tatty victory over Turkey in the European football championship qualifier, to death threats to Nigel Mansell, and to the illness threatening to keep jockeys Darren Gane and Jim Cassidy out of today's Aus \$1 million Caulfield Cup.

Rugby union is not big-time down under, it seems. There is no rampant chauvinism to be seen or heard in the streets, the way it was when Alan Bond, yesterday's fallen hero, was bringing home the America's Cup in '83.

There have been more stories here this week about John Walker's ambition to run the world's first over-40 sub-four-minute mile than there have been about Nick Farr-Jones's injury.

While the Sydney Morning Herald's columnist, Evan Whitton, was reflecting on Tuesday on a majority of Europe's rugby writers fancying Australia to win the Webb Ellis Cup ahead

David Miller discovers a lack of press interest in Australia in the Rugby World Cup

of New Zealand, the paper's headline over the lead story was "France become best bet for cup". Australian writers were predominantly depressed by the 9-3 performance against Western Samoa, never mind the 38 points against the dismal Welsh.

By Wednesday, the news was the 240-run partnership by the Waugh brothers — Steve, who scored 126, and Mark, who scored 112 — for New South Wales against Victoria in the FAI Cup. Even Mary Decker, who was here with Walker to run in yesterday's George Street Mile events — she and Steve Cram won their respective races by the length of a cricket pitch — rated higher than news from the Wallaby camp. There, the Herald correspondent had been looking out of his Dublin hotel bedroom window and thinking about Bernard Shaw and James Joyce in the absence of better inspiration.

The Herald's lead story that day was about crises in New South Wales's rugby league. Farr-Jones's lads did make the top of the back page of The Australian, but it was turgid team news rumination by Bob Dwyer, the coach, alongside statutory Dublin jokes like the roadside proclaiming: "Lansdowne Road previous turn left."

The World Cup made it to the top of the Herald back page on Thursday morning, because the reserve scrum half, Peter Slattery, is the transfer target of Gold Coast Seagulls rugby league club. The pattern of the union code breeding talent for the league is not confined to Wales.

The Age did not feature the Wallabies anywhere in their edition on Thursday, while the Telegraph Mirror had them eight pages in from the back page. Yesterday was no different. Cricket, racing and boxing dominated the Herald. And this is one of the eight countries that dominate the rugby union scene.



Farr-Jones: overshadowed

Shiel to replace injured Lineen

By GERALD DAVIES

SCOTLAND have been forced to make a late change in their team to play Western Samoa this afternoon at Murrayfield. Sean Lineen, who has a swollen knee, has been declared unfit and is replaced in the centre by Graham Shiel, who scored the first try against Ireland last Saturday.

Shiel came on as replacement for Craig Chalmers at stand-off half in that match, but he has played successfully as centre for his club, Melrose.

The Western Samoans, with Eddie Iosefa earning his fifth cap, is replacing the suspended Keesan in the pack, are still alive to wonder of their achievement at reaching the quarter-finals. A step beyond the first round is their only ambition. The question that has occupied their attention all week is, having realised their dream, whether this is a step too far. That they should confidently have taken on the Australians, and had played on a par with them for most of the afternoon at Pontypool, should dispel such fears.

But the task the Western



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Samoans need to overcome, initially, is in the main a psychological one. Having become so firmly attuned to the first-round challenge, and succeeded, how strong is their will now to proceed further?

Each game from the first one, Brian Williams, Western Samoa's technical advisor, says, has been the most important in the nation's rugby history. Now that they are already on rugby's map, how much importance do they now still attach to this game? By rights, a lot. But they need to believe it themselves.

Perhaps the task rests in Williams's lap rather than that of Tati Simi, their manager, or Peter Shuster, their coach.

Williams is more experienced and in a better position to understand the essence and the requirements of what lies ahead.

Im McGeechan, the Scottish coach, is certainly more aware than other coaches have hitherto been of what is in store for his team. He will know that Western Samoa have managed to incorporate, in a more business-like fashion than their Fiji neighbours, New Zealand's efficiency and discipline at forward, as they showed against Australia, that they retain their Polynesian flair when they run, as they showed intermittently against Argentina. With Tagaloa on the wing, there is power, too. McGeechan will have noticed, too, that Western Samoa are not altogether certain of solid possession from either lineout or scrum. But, then, McGeechan himself might not care to admit that his side had shown itself not to be entirely happy in these phases either. Their front five, as against Ireland, was somewhat loose and unsteady. But his team is unlikely to face as awkward a time on this occasion as they did then in the scrum.

The lineout remains as problematical as ever but with the Welsh referee, Derek Bevan, in charge, it might prove less so than in the other matches so far in the World Cup. McGeechan, a fine reader of a game, has compensated for these uncertainties. With so much interference allowed nowadays in the middle of the lineout, the Scots wisely prefer to throw to White or Jeffrey at the back and so, from their deflections, allow Gray or Weir to peel onwards into the opposing threequarters.

The Scots will be advised to play wide and so force Fatialofa, Alalatoa and the others from the front five, to shift their bulk regularly and uncomfortably across field. The Scots, unlike the Welsh, are equipped to do this.

If Bapoch, the stand-off half, is Western Samoa's fulcrum, scrum half Armstrong is for Scotland, especially now that doubts still remain about Chalmers' complete fitness to last the full game. I foresee that Scotland might join New Zealand, Australia and, to keep to my pre-tournament prediction, England in the semi final.

Irish lack answer to flair factor

From BRYAN STILES IN DUBLIN

THE Ireland wagon train has made a circle and they are ready for their last stand in the World Cup at Lansdowne Road tomorrow. No one outside their circle can see them surviving against the explosive Australians.

Claran Fitzgerald, the Ireland coach, bristles at suggestions that this is the end for his team and talks optimistically of their plans extending beyond their quarter-final, while his Australian counterpart, Bob Dwyer, speaks of the problems the Irish are going to pose in the lineout and scrum, and prides their short-passing skills.

They are simply whistling in the wind. It is difficult to see how a case can be made for an Irish victory. They will be brave, resolute and willing to die for the cause but they do not have the individual or collective skills of their opponents.

I hope that that analysis is proved to be flawed. There is little that would give more pleasure than to see this band of friendly, honest grafters beat a southern hemisphere team.

The reality is, however, that while the likes of Australia, New Zealand and Western Samoa have moved the frontiers of the game forward with their infinitely-varied forms of 15-man

rugby, the home countries seem content to get by on a stultified ten-man game.

Dwyer admits the way Ireland carried the game to Scotland in the decisive Pool 2 encounter and felt the Irish were well on the way to winning when their full back, Staples, was flattened by an "illegal" tackle.

He was also impressed with the work of Francis, the Irish lineout specialist, but with two 6ft 8in locks, in Eales and McCall, now working so well in tandem, the Australians are likely to dominate that phase. "Australia proved in their rout of Wales that they have found their most effective combination after the injury to Gavin, their No. 8. O'Brien fills the role, with Poidevin and Miller as his flankers."

Lynch, the record scorer in international matches with 562 points, who has declined for a week to practise his kicking, is to visit Lansdowne Road today hoping his touch has returned. His half back partner, and captain, Farr-Jones, has recovered from his knee injury.

The Irish know that if they allow the Australian forwards to get up a head of steam and charge at them the floodgates will open.

Whetton beats record

Lille — New Zealand start their quarter-final against Canada tomorrow determined to achieve the deadly combination of passion and ruthlessness — the hallmark of All Black rugby for nearly a century — conspicuously missing since their clinical opening game of the World Cup (Chris Thurman writes).

No one is keener to relaunch the fearsome New Zealand challenge than the captain, Gary Whetton, for whom the game holds a special significance. Whetton, aged 31, wins his 55th cap, beating the record held since 1971 by the legendary Colin Meads.

Last year in Paris, Whetton

unknowingly passed another milestone with 48 caps he became New Zealand's most capped lock forward, one step ahead of his famous predecessor, Meads. He missed only eight internationals in his ten-year career — three through injury when he had his knee reconstructed, four through suspension following the Cavaliers' tour to South Africa. "The good ones get dropped, but then bounce back," Whetton said with a smile.

With Timu expected to replace Wright at full back, New Zealand have named Tuigamala on the left wing.

Pool 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
N Zealand	3	3	0	0	85	33	7
Canada	3	2	0	1	85	33	7
Italy	3	1	0	2	57	76	5
US	3	0	0	3	24	113	3

Pool 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	3	3	0	0	122	36	9
Ireland	3	2	0	1	102	51	7
Japan	3	1	1	1	77	117	5
Zimbabwe	3	0	0	3	31	158	3

Pool 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Australia	3	3	0	0	79	25	9
W Samoa	3	2	0	1	54	34	7
Wales	3	1	0	2	32	61	5
Argentina	3	0	0	3	38	63	3

Pool 4

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	82	25	9
Canada	3	2	0	1	48	33	7
Romania	3	1	0	2	31	64	5
Fiji	3	0	0	3	27	61	3

Pool 5

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	82	25	9
Canada	3	2	0	1	48	33	7
Romania	3	1	0	2	31	64	5
Fiji	3	0	0	3	27	61	3

Pool 6

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	82	25	9
Canada	3	2	0	1	48	33	7
Romania	3	1	0	2	31	64	5
Fiji	3	0	0	3	27	61	3

Pool 7

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	82	25	9
Canada	3	2	0	1	48	33	7
Romania	3	1	0	2	31	64	5
Fiji	3	0	0	3	27	61	3

Pool 8

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	82	25	9
Canada	3	2	0	1	48	33	7
Romania	3	1	0	2	31	64	5
Fiji	3	0	0	3	27	61	3

Pool 9

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	82	25	9
Canada	3	2	0	1	48	33	7
Romania	3	1	0	2	31	64	5
Fiji	3	0	0	3	27	61	3

Pool 10

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	82	25	9
Canada	3	2	0	1	48	33	7
Romania	3	1	0	2	31	64	5
Fiji	3	0	0	3	27	61	3

Pool 11

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	82	25	9
Canada	3	2	0	1	48	33	7
Romania	3	1	0	2	31	64	5
Fiji	3	0	0	3	27	61	3

Pool 12

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	82	25	9
Canada	3	2	0	1	48	33	7
Romania	3	1	0	2	31	64	5
Fiji	3	0	0	3	27	61	3

Pool 13

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	82	25	9
Canada	3	2	0	1	48	33	7
Romania	3	1	0	2	31	64	5
Fiji	3	0	0	3	27	61	3

Pool 14

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	82	25	9
Canada	3	2	0	1	48	33	7
Romania	3	1	0	2	31	64	5
Fiji	3	0	0	3	27	61	3

Pool 15

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	82	25	9
Canada	3	2	0	1	48	33	7
Romania	3	1	0	2	31	64	5
Fiji	3	0	0	3	27	61	3

Pool 16

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	82	25	9
Canada	3	2	0	1	48	33	7
Romania	3	1	0	2	31	64	5
Fiji	3	0	0	3	27	61	3

Pool 17

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	82	25	9
Canada	3	2	0	1	48	33	7
Romania	3	1	0	2	31	64	5
Fiji	3	0	0	3	27	61	3

Pool 18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	82	25	9
Canada	3	2	0	1	48	33	7
Romania	3	1	0	2	31	64	5
Fiji	3	0	0	3	27	61	3

SCOTLAND v WESTERN SAMOA
(Murrayfield, 1pm)

A G Hastings (Edinburgh)	15	Full back	A Aiolupo (Ponape)	15
A G Stanger (Glasgow)	14	Right wing	B Lima (Wellington)	14
S Hastings (Warrington)	13	Centre	T Waaga (Tandale)	13
A G Shiel (Melrose)	12	Centre	F Bunce (Melrose)	12
I Tukalo (Salisbury)	11	Left wing	T Tagaloa (Wellington)	11
C M Chalmers (Melrose)	10	Stand-off	S J Bapoch (Canterbury)	10
G Armstrong (Jed-Forest)	9	Scrum half	M M Vaea (Canterbury)	9
D M B Sole (Edinburgh Acad)	1	Prop	P Fatialofa (Auckland)	1
J Allan (Edinburgh Acad)	2	Hooker	S Toomataitai (Wellington)	2
A P Burnell (London Scottish)	3	Prop	V Alagaloa (Glasgow)	3
J Jeffrey (Glasgow)	6	Flanker	S Vaitale (Wellington)	6
C A Gray (Glasgow)	4	Lock	M S Birwhistle (Wellington)	4
G W Weir (Melrose)	5	Lock	E Iosefa (Auckland)	5
F Calder (Stewart's Melville FF)	7	Flanker	A Pareini (Auckland)	7

